

# Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (ARP Act)



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
4190	020522000	Valley Union School District

How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Safety Recommendations	Has the LEA Adopted a Policy? (Y/N)	Describe LEA Policy:
Universal and correct wearing of masks	Y	Masks are encouraged, not required
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Distancing is used as much as possible
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	District encourage frequent hand washing
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	District cleans facilities daily and in between classes
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	District works with Cochise County health department regarding students who have tested positive and appropriate measures
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Done by parents/guardians
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	District informs families of possible availability in the community
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	District will address students with disabilities on a case by case basis
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	District works with health department

How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services

### How the LEA will Ensure Continuity of Services?

District currently has procedures in place to ensure continuity of services. District has 1:1 chromebooks that are available for students to take home. District staff has been trained and has capability to provide online instruction and/or packets as necessary in the event of a school closure.

### Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	District offers in-person and some distance learning options as needed along with tutoring and summer school
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	District offers a counselor as needed to students
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	District participates in the Summer Food Program

### Staff Needs:

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	District works to ensure staff needs are being met through various avenues
Other Needs	District has open door policy with administration to discuss issues arising in the district

The LEA must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services through September 30, 2023

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<b>Date of Revision</b>	January 2022, June 2022, January 2023, June 2023
<b>Public Input</b>	
Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	District visits with local stakeholders to determine the best course of action for our school district while following guidelines and mandates as given.

## U.S. Department of Education Interim Final Rule (IFR)

### **(1) LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services**

- (a) An LEA must describe in its plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services—
  - (i) how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:
    - (A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.
    - (B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.*, use of cohorts/podding)
    - (C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
    - (D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
    - (E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.
    - (F) Diagnostic and screening testing.
    - (G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.
    - (H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
    - (I) Coordination with State and local health officials.
  - (ii) how it will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.
- (b)(i) During the period of the ARP ESSER award established in section Start Printed Page 212022001(a) of the ARP Act, an LEA must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.
  - (ii) In determining whether revisions are necessary, and in making any revisions, the LEA must seek public input and take such input into account
  - (iii) If at the time the LEA revises its plan the CDC has updated its guidance on reopening schools, the revised plan must address the extent to which the LEA has adopted policies, and describe any such policies, for each of the updated safety recommendations.
- (c) If an LEA developed a plan prior to enactment of the ARP Act that meets the statutory requirements of section 2001(i)(1) and (2) of the ARP Act but does not address all the requirements in paragraph (a), the LEA must, pursuant to paragraph (b), revise and post its plan no later than six months after receiving its ARP ESSER funds to meet the requirements in paragraph (a).
- (d) An LEA's plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services must be—
  - (i) In an understandable and uniform format;
  - (ii) To the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, be orally translated for such parent; an
  - (iii) Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent