

# Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

District Name: Manistee ISD

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## Introduction and Background

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2. The ARP Act includes nearly \$122 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund that allows state and local education agencies (LEAs) to take additional steps for continued safe in-person instruction and to address unfinished teaching and learning to mitigate the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These resources will allow school districts to take additional measures to safely sustain their healthy operations, this includes using funds to enact appropriate measures to help schools to invest in mitigation strategies consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions' (CTC) Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools to the greatest extent practicable; address the many impacts of COVID-19 on students, including unfished instruction; implement strategies to meet student's social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs; offer crucial summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs; support early childhood education; invest in staff capacity; and avoid devastating layoffs at this critical moment, ensuring that all students have access to teachers, counselors and other school personnel to support their needs.

Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires that each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, no later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools (Safe Return Plan). A Safe Return Plan is required of all fund recipients, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP act further requires that the LEA seek public comment on the Safe Return Plan and take these comments into account in finalization of the Safe Return Plan.

Mitigation Strategy	LEA Response
Universal and Correct wearing of masks	MISD will use guidance from the local health dept in determining the wearing of masks.

Physical Distancing (ie including use of cohorts)	MISD will use guidance from the local health dept in determining any physical distancing of students and staff.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	MISD will use guidance from the local health dept in determining handwashing and respirator etiquette
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	MISD has and will continue to clean and maintain healthy, sanitary facilities and adequate ventilation

<p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local territorial, or Tribal health departments</p>	<p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local territorial, will be handled by individual staff members.</p>
<p>Diagnostic screening and testing</p>	<p>COVID Testing will not be offered at the MISD for staff/students</p>
<p>Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible,</p>	<p>MISD will make staff aware of all vaccination locations including clinics offered at our building.</p>
<p>Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies</p>	<p>Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies will be made</p> <p>MISD will continue to follow the guidance provided to us by Health Department #10</p>

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## **Continuity of Services**

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

Our classroom staff surveys our students for their emotional well being throughout the day. We also do academic testing and progress monitoring to collect the data needed to determine progress or loss. If a loss is detected, we will provide extra support, using current staff, and time to regain the lost information. All students are provided breakfast and lunch.

## **Public Comment**

Public Comment is a key element of stakeholder engagement, and at times a stand-alone element which may include dedicating time to open forums at board of education meetings, conducting surveys, or soliciting written input from external residents not involved in the decision-making process. Describe how the LEA plans to provide the public opportunity to provide input and for the public comment in the development of the plan, a summary of the input (including letters of support) and how the LEA took such input into account.

This plan was shared at a MISD Board of Education meeting on October 18, 2022

## Periodic Review Process

LEAs are required to periodically review and, as appropriate, revise their *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services* plan **at least every six months**. Each review must include seeking public comment on the plan and developing the plan after taking into an account the public comment.

## Understandable and Uniform Format

Federal regulation require that this plan be in an understandable and uniform format, to the extent practicable; is written in a language that parents can understand, or if not practicable, orally translated; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. Describe the unique needs of the LEA's audience and confirm the LEA's approach to ensuring the document is accessible:

This will be posted on the MISD web page.