



LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(i)

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LEA Name: NORTHVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #3730

Date (06/15/2021):

Date Revised (03/02/2022):

1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), please describe 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 CDC.

A. Universal and correct wearing of masks

Students, school staff and visitors are currently required to wear face masks at all times when in the school, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or during times of eating/drinking. However, the district anticipates that the Governor will announce a guideline that face masks will be optional for September and if so, the Northvale Public School will follow that guideline.

The Northvale Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the 2021-2022 school year.

B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

Students and staff will follow social distancing within the school, to the maximum extent possible.

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C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Elementary school classrooms all have sinks, soap and hand sanitizer for frequent hand washing. Middle school classrooms do not all have sinks, so students and staff will hand wash as needed. The middle school classrooms have hand sanitizing stations for use by students and staff.

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D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

Regular cleaning and disinfection of facilities will be completed by the maintenance and custodial staff. Cleaning and disinfection will be rigorous and ongoing, and will occur at least daily. The daily cleaning schedules will be monitored and adjusted as needed.

The district has already taken the steps to improve ventilation and ensure the health and safety of students and staff. All classroom unit ventilators are functioning properly to make sure that outside air is introduced into the classrooms. Classrooms having air conditioning, which helps improve ventilation, and those spaces without windows are equipped with air purifiers.

The Northvale Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines for cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities that will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the 2021-2022 school year.

E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

The Northvale Public School administration and school nurse will communicate with the Bergen County Health Department, about COVID-19 cases and to provide any requested information for contact tracing.

Quarantine will be required for students, who might have been exposed to COVID-19. Close contacts, identified through contact tracing, should quarantine unless they are fully vaccinated, or have tested positive in the last 3 months, and do not have any symptoms. Students, who are in quarantine should stay home and follow the direction of the local public health department about when it is safe for them to be around others.

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F. Diagnostic and screening testing

Prior to arrival, staff and students will complete an online daily health screening administered through RUVNA, and have their temperatures taken.

Anyone with a temperature or COVID-19 symptoms during the school day will be directed to the school nurse's office. The nurse will examine the individual.

The Northvale Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines for diagnostic and screening testing that will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the 2021-2022 school year.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

Northvale Public School coordinated with the Bergen County Executive's office to provide vaccinations to educators and staff during the 2020-2021 school year. If additional vaccination opportunities become available for educators, staff, and students, we will communicate the information to the eligible groups.

The Northvale Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines for providing vaccinations that will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the 2021-2022 school year.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

Students with disabilities will have all appropriate accommodations addressed based on needs identified in their IEPs, which will support their health and safety. This will include consultation with teachers, Child Study Team, and related service providers to ensure that all precautions are in place, as well as any necessary supplies or resources to accommodate their needs.

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2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

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

For the 2021-2022 school year, Northvale Public School will provide a full continuum of in-person services. We will follow the curriculum developed by the Northern Valley Curriculum Consortium. Students will be assessed at the start of the year using various assessments to determine their academic levels. Teachers will use assessment data to address the needs of all students through differentiated assignments, materials, instruction, and assessments. School counselors will continue providing social-emotional-mental health support for students. The Intervention and Referral Service team will utilize a collection of data and information to identify, screen, collaborate, and implement interventions to promote student success. Our district does not provide food service, but we will work with the Northvale PTO to coordinate lunch ordering services for all students.

3. Public Comment

- A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan.

The Superintendent presented the plan to the Board of Education and community at the June 24, 2021, Board of Education meeting, which was advertised as required. The plan is posted to the Northvale Public School's website.

- B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

The plan is posted on the Northvale Public School's website and can be translated from English. Individuals with disabilities can use an assistive technology on their devices to access the plan on our website.