

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

As required by Federal Law per American Rescue Plan (ARP)

On June 2, 2021, Governor DeWine announced the state's loosened mask mandate. Fully vaccinated people in Ohio will no longer be required to wear a mask except in certain crowded indoor settings, such as healthcare and transportation. Governor DeWine has requested that schools and districts design plans that address the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services to meet the needs of students.

Paulding Exempted Village Schools has been providing face-to-face instruction, five days a week, to our students during the 2020-2021 academic year. We have maintained the same standard of high expectations as in previous years. We consistently monitor student progress and use all available data to make decisions that support individual student needs. We have prioritized the social and emotional well-being of our students during the pandemic and are providing supports where appropriate. Therefore, we will continue to provide face-to-face instruction, five days a week, to our students.

School districts are required to post on their local website a plan which includes, or will be modified to include, the extent to which it has adopted policies and a description of any such policies on each of the following mitigation strategies:

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Paulding County Board of Health guidelines.

2. Physical distancing:

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Paulding County Board of Health guidelines.

3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will continue current handwashing and respiratory etiquette guidelines.

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will continue current cleaning guidelines.

5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments:

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Paulding County Board of Health guidelines.

6. Diagnostic and screening testing:

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Paulding County Board of Health guidelines.

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

We will follow our Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board Policy regarding vaccinations.

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

We will follow our Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board Policy regarding students with disabilities.

School districts should post on its local website a plan which describes how it will ensure continuity of services including but not limited to:

1. 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:

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools District Leadership Team will review student data and identify students' academic needs and SEL needs. The team will provide input into how to best support the identified needs through during and after school programs. The team will also collect data on staff's social, emotional, mental health and other needs. The team will provide input into how to best support the identified needs of staff.

2. The LEA periodically reviews, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023), and revises its plan as appropriate:

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools District Leadership Team will meet quarterly to review students' academic needs, and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs and will revise our plan if needed to meet identified needs.

3. The LEA seeks public input and takes such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the revisions to the plan:

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools District Leadership Team will request public input on whether or not revisions are needed and will revise our plan if needed to meet identified needs.

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