



**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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## **American Rescue Plan Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**

### **Eastern Local School District**

Date: June 23, 2021

Date Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Purpose:**

States and schools have been provided monetary resources through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). School districts throughout the country will utilize these funds to provide a “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services”. School districts have been given the task to create a plan for the safe return to in-person learning and the continuity of services provided to our students.

The Eastern Local School District has created this plan by utilizing the language used in current and past health and safety plans created throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Key Elements of the Plan Include:**

- Safety measures to be ensured to return to in-person learning
- A plan for the Continuity of Services

### **Safety Measures:**

- Universal and correct wearing of masks/facial coverings:
  - Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events is covered in the Eastern Local School District Board Policy 8450.01. The District will continue to work in accordance to recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health and the Meigs County Health Department.
- Physical Distancing
  - The District will continue to follow guidance as provided by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and the Meigs County Health Department in regards to social distancing in our school buildings and on our school buses.

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- Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
  - The District continues to promote good handwashing hygiene by providing hand sanitizing stations throughout our school buildings and in each of our classrooms. The District will continue to provide these handwashing supplies along with signage encouraging such practices.
  
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
  - The District will continue to follow all cleaning and disinfecting protocols that have been in place throughout the pandemic for our facilities and school buses.
  - Ventilation filters will continue to be replaced on a regular schedule to promote improved indoor air quality.
  - An HVAC system repair and cleaning will be completed prior to school starting in the fall which will aid in improving ventilation throughout the district.
  
- Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine, in Collaboration with the State, Local, Territorial or Tribal Health Departments
  - The District will be in close coordination with the Meigs County Health Department in regards to contact tracing and quarantining protocols.
  
- Diagnostic and Screening Testing
  - The District will continue to monitor the current locations for COVID-19 diagnostic testing services and provide those locations to those exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms as deemed necessary and appropriate by our school nurse.
  
- Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Educators, Other Staff, and Students, if Eligible
  - Our site-based health provider, Hopewell Health Systems, offered and provided vaccinations to all of our employees who wanted to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Eligible students are able to receive the appropriate vaccination through various local sites, including but not limited to the Meigs County Health Department.
  
- Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies
  - The CDC has identified necessary accommodations needed for our at-risk populations, including but not limited to our students with disabilities. The District will continue to follow the plan developed for each student who may require these accommodations in accordance with their IEP or 504 Plan.

## CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

This plan encompasses the following areas:

- Learning and Recovery and Extended Learning Plan
- Student Services and Accommodations for Children with Disabilities
- Mental Health Support and Counseling Services
- Health Services
- Food Service

### Learning and Recovery and Extended Learning Plan

- The District provided the plan as requested by Governor DeWine prior to April 1, 2021. The plan can be located on the district homepage at [www.easternlocal.com](http://www.easternlocal.com)

### Student Services and Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

- Services are monitored and provided through our school counselors, our behavioral health partner (Hopewell Behavioral Health), along with our director of special education services. Students identified needing learning and/or behavioral health supports are provided with interventions to assist students in their targeted area of service need.

### Mental Health Support/Counseling Services

- The District partners with Hopewell Behavioral Health, who are located onsite, to assist student with mental health and/or counseling services.
- The District will also partner with Hopewell Behavioral Health to add a site-based social worker to be utilized to assist students with general mental/behavioral health needs.

### Health Services

- The District has partnered with Hopewell Health Services to provide a site-based health clinic on our district campus. The clinic employs a nurse practitioner and a licensed practical nurse. The clinic is open to not only our students and staff but to the community as well. The clinic staff work in coordination with our school nurse to provide care for our students and staff.

### Food Services

- The District has made the commitment to provide meals, both breakfast and lunch, to all of our students throughout the pandemic regardless of mode of instruction. Transportation staff have delivered these meals house-to-house as well as to designated pickup locations throughout the district.

This Continuity of Services Plan will be reviewed periodically, at a minimum of every six (6) months for the duration of the ESSER grant period. The district's administrative team will be primarily responsible for plan review with input from our district stakeholders and input from the

public. Public input will be received at Board of Education meetings as well as through correspondence with the parents of our school children.

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