

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

*This optional template may be used by the LEA to comply with Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education's Interim Final Rule requiring each LEA that receives ARP ESSER III funds to submit a plan that describes how it will safely return to in-person instruction and ensure continuity of services, including LEAs that have already returned to in-person instruction. The LEA is not required to use this template but should include all of the template elements in the LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services that it develops and publishes on its website. The plan should be published on the LEA's website by June 1, 2021.*



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### **Section 1: Introduction**

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' **academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs**. This plan describes how **Chesterfield County Public Schools** will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and division staff during and following the return to full in-person instruction. Questions about this plan should be directed to **Shawn Smith, chief communications and community engagement officer**, at [ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net](mailto:ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net).

Information about the school system's response to COVID-19 is available here:  
<https://mychesterfieldschools.com/project-restart/>.

### **Section 2: Maintaining Health and Safety**

**Chesterfield County Public Schools** has taken and will continue to take actions to ensure the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and division staff during and following the return to full in-person instruction. A description of actions already taken and additional actions planned is below.

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In addition, **Chesterfield County Public Schools** has adopted policies on each of the following safety recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **[Include each applicable area below and briefly describe the policy developed.]**

- Universal and correct wearing of masks; [this site has details about the school system's response to COVID-19](#)

- Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding) ; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Diagnostic and screening testing; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)
- Coordination with state and local health officials; [this site has details about the school system’s response to COVID-19](#)

### **Section 3: Continuity of Services**

Chesterfield County Public Schools has taken and will continue to take actions to 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.

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### **Section 4: Opportunity for Public Comment**

In developing the ARP ESSER Plan, Chesterfield County Public Schools sought public input and took such input into account as described below.

The school system shared information and sought comments via email in five digital newsletters to all Chesterfield County Public Schools families and employees and in five digital newsletters to the media and community members.

### **Section 5: Periodic Review and Revision of Plan**

During the period of the ARP ESSER award (until September 2023), Chesterfield County Public Schools will periodically review and, as needed, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The plan will be reviewed at least every six months, and Chesterfield County Public Schools will seek and take into account public input during the review process. Plan revisions will address updated CDC guidance on safely reopening schools, if any are issued.

### **Section 6: Making the Plan Available to the Public**

Chesterfield County Public Schools has taken the following steps to make this plan available to the public:

- The plan is posted at <https://mychesterfieldschools.com/project-restart/>;

- The plan is available in multiple languages as listed in the top right corner of [www.mychesterfieldschools.com](http://www.mychesterfieldschools.com);
- The plan may be orally translated for parents. Contact **Shawn Smith, chief communications and community engagement officer**, at [ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net](mailto:ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net) to request translation; and
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting **Shawn Smith, chief communications and community engagement officer**, at [ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net](mailto:ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net).