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Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan October 2023

Under the American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ARP: ESSER III) local districts are required to develop and maintain a Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. This plan outlines and details the district's plan for a safe return to, or maintenance of, in-person instruction and must include information regarding the district's implementation of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) most current guidance at the time of development.

Lapeer Community Schools deeply values in-person instruction and has implemented the practices detailed below in order to maintain the in-person learning environment.

The District may make adjustments to this plan in response to information learned regarding current and future variants of COVID-19 or other communicable disease and transmission rates in individual buildings, across the district, or if the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, or death increases. If such adjustments are needed, the plan will be shared again for public input. The plan will also be reviewed every six months during the life of the ARP ESSER III grant and updates will be completed if needed. The plan will be shared for public input during those intervals as well.

The district will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

Review Of Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan
Grant Funds Received: March 4, 2022
Original Extended Continuity of Learning Plan
Approval Date of the Original Extended Learning Plan: September 15, 2020
Reconfirmation Meeting: February, 2024

Instructional Delivery Method:

PreK-12th Grade:

- In - person
- Hybrid
- Virtual - Live Synchronous
- Virtual - Asynchronous
- Hard Copy Materials
- Other

For the 2023-24 school year, Lapeer Community Schools will provide in-person or virtual instruction to our population of students. Students who must miss school due to illness will have the opportunity to make up the work according to our handbook policies, which may include completing tasks online or via materials picked up from school. Lapeer Community Schools will continue to hold high expectations for student achievement and will continue to work toward closing any gaps in learning that may have occurred because of the pandemic. Each year, we set goals for math and reading and consistently monitor student progress through assessments such as NWEA, PSAT/SAT, MSTEP, and Fountas and Pinnell. We continue to work on relevance, rigor, and relationships as well to enhance the learning experience for all students. LCS works to continuously support the social-emotional and mental health needs of students across the district in Pre-K through twelfth grade. Utilizing available grant funds, the district has worked to increase staffing in the areas of counseling, social work, and psychology beginning in the 2021-22 school year. Hiring has been ongoing and we work to continue to increase staffing in this area.

Face Covering Protocols:

Lapeer Community Schools will no longer have a mask policy due the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023. Students, staff, and guests will not be prohibited from wearing masks if the individual feels it is necessary to protect themselves or others from airborne communicable diseases.

Cohorting:

Mixing of student groups will be permitted. The District may consider temporarily restricting mixing of student groups where feasible as deemed necessary based on the local conditions.

Cleaning Protocols:

Lapeer Community will ensure that high-level disinfection practices will continue. Additional cleaning and/or disinfection procedures within a classroom, school, or across the district will be implemented as needed based on local conditions.

Athletics:

Lapeer Community Schools will align all athletic programs and protocols to the approved Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) guidelines.

COVID-19 Testing and Quarantining Protocols:

For 2023-24, Lapeer Community Schools will not be conducting contact tracing nor imposing quarantine rules. The District will follow current mandates/orders from federal, state, or local health agencies. In the absence of health department orders, the District encourages parents/guardians to follow current medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases. Testing will not be required but test kits may be offered to families if provided by the State. Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local, state, or federal agency and/or a sanctioning body

Vaccinations:

The District does not require staff or students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. OCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person.

Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette:

Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are encouraged and expected. Supplies, including hand sanitizer, will be maintained in order to facilitate proper hand hygiene.

Health Screening & Student Illness:

Parents/guardians are encouraged to conduct a daily wellness check to ensure students are well enough to attend school. Students should not be sent to school when they are ill. A child who has had a fever or is vomiting cannot return to school until they are healthy for 24 hours. Parents/guardians should follow medical professional and/or health department guidance

regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases

Visitor and Volunteer Protocols:

Visitor and volunteer protocols will revert to pre-pandemic policies as outlined in building handbooks.

Food Services:

Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be implemented as required by the Lapeer County Health Department.

Student Transportation:

Normal transportation operations will occur.

Review of Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates:

For the 2023-24 school year, two-way interaction rates are only required for students who participate in the virtual credit recovery program or virtual-home school partnership.