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SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

(1) IN GENERAL - A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency's website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d)(1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

2) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:
For each mitigation strategy listed below, 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.

LEA Response Table

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks
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All students and staff will continue to wear masks for the duration of their time in school and on buses, with the exception of mask breaks, snack times for preschool and elementary students, and during lunch in accordance with CDC and NJDOH guidelines. Students will continue to be exempted from mask wearing in certain circumstances as outlined in Policy 1648, including during extreme heat outdoors. All mitigation strategies are aligned with Board of Education Policy 1648, Restart and Recovery Plan, which will be updated to reflect any revisions to CDC and NJDOH guidelines that occur prior to or during the 2021-22 school year.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)
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All students in the Morris School District will be seated at a minimum of 3 ft apart from each other in classrooms, buses, and in other instructional and non-instructional rooms to the maximum extent practicable.
All students will be seated 6 feet apart from each other in lunchrooms while eating lunch.
All students and staff in common areas, main offices, and teacher rooms will social distance, in accordance with CDC and NJDOH guidelines.
All mitigation strategies are aligned with Board of Education Policy 1648, Restart and Recovery Plan, which will be updated to reflect any revisions to CDC and NJDOH guidelines that occur prior to or during the 2021-22 school year.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
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All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes
Entrances, exits, common areas, and hallways in all schools are equipped with hand sanitizing stations
All existing handwashing stations are equipped with appropriate soap and sanitizer
Handwashing has been scheduled into the school day
Age-appropriate signage to remind students of proper handwashing practices and respiratory etiquette is posted
Teachers and staff are trained on all protocols related to social distancing, respiratory etiquette, and sanitizing requirements for classrooms.
All mitigation strategies are aligned with Board of Education Policy 1648, Restart and Recovery Plan, which will be updated to reflect any revisions to CDC and NJDOH guidelines that occur prior to or during the 2021-22 school year.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
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Staff have received additional training to comply with all COVID-19 cleaning sanitizing requirements and guidelines and will clean and sanitize the school buildings on a regular basis using EPA-approved products. Staff will clean and sanitize high touch surfaces and high use areas multiple times during the school day using EPA-approved products.
Teaching staff also support the routine cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces and commonly touched areas within the classrooms and offices. Cleaning/Sanitizing checklists have been compiled into a procedural manual for use in the 2021-22 school year.
All ventilation systems are systematically and periodically checked to ensure that they comply with guidance for recirculated air. Windows for all classrooms are in working condition and will remain open whenever practicable.
We are planning to have HEPA air filters in lunch rooms and classrooms where students will be eating lunch and will not have their mask on.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
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Close contacts are provided with information and support to understand the risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.
Contacts are required to stay home from school in quarantine according to NJDOH exclusion criteria. Contacts who develop symptoms should promptly isolate themselves and notify their healthcare provider, the school nurse and local public health authorities.
All mitigation strategies are aligned with Board of Education Policy 1648, Restart and Recovery Plan, which will be updated to reflect any revisions to CDC and NJDOH guidelines that occur prior to or during the 2021-22 school year.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing
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Parents must conduct a symptom check of their child each day before school, including taking their temperature. Parents should report symptoms to the school nurse for further instruction. All staff are required to complete a COVID-19 screening form. Symptoms are also monitored at school. K-5 students will receive temperature checks if the CALI Report indicates that our region is "orange." If a student or staff member exhibits symptoms, they are safely and respectfully isolated as per NJDOE guidelines. Specific procedures for symptomatic individuals were developed with our LHDs. If an individual who has spent time in our buildings or buses tests positive, we will notify local health officials, staff and families that a case was confirmed and follow all required procedures.
All mitigation strategies are aligned with BOE Policy 1648, Restart and Recovery Plan, which will be updated to reflect any revisions to CDC and NJDOH guidelines that occur prior to or during the 2021-22 school year.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible
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A partnership between Atlantic Health System and the Morris School District enabled all interested faculty and staff members to schedule vaccinations. Vaccinations are readily available to eligible students at local and regional vaccination sites; we have provided and will continue to provide information to families regarding how and where students can be vaccinated.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies
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Accommodations for students who are unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability are addressed according to that student's need and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Students unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability may wear a face shield.

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