



# Franklin Monroe Local Schools In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

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On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. Funds are provided to State educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the Nation’s students.

Districts and community schools were notified of the requirement for establishing a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan in a Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP) on May 7, 2021. The “continuity of services plan” will continue to be revised and updated regularly with stakeholder input.

Required elements of local plans: The federal requirements go on to identify the elements of the most up-to-date Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance that must be addressed in the plan:

- Each LEA plan includes, or will be modified to include, the extent to which it has adopted policies and a description of any policies on each of the following mitigation strategies:
  - Universal and correct wearing of masks;
  - Physical distancing
  - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
  - Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
  - Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments;
  - Diagnostic and screening testing;
  - Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible; and
  - Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies
- Each LEA plan describes how it will ensure continuity of services including but not limited to 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 LEA periodically reviews, no less frequently than every six months of the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period and revises its plan as appropriate.
- 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 LEA should post the plan on its local website and then submit the website address that links directly to the plan to [continuityplan@education.ohio.gov](mailto:continuityplan@education.ohio.gov) by June 24.

Questions, comments and concerns can be emailed to: [continuityplan@education.ohio.gov](mailto:continuityplan@education.ohio.gov)

<b>REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF LOCAL PLANS</b>
<b>Health &amp; Safety Guidelines &amp; Mitigation Strategies</b>



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Franklin Monroe Schools will begin the 2021-2022 academic year with 100% in-person instruction. Ohio ended all health mandates related to COVID-19 that impact schools. The district will continue to monitor health and safety guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health, the Darke County Health District, and other laws/guidance/health orders. The Franklin Monroe Board of Education and Administration will address mitigation strategies as follows:

**Universal and correct wearing of masks:** The wearing of facial coverings by students, staff, families and public is voluntary. Those choosing to wear facial covers should:

1. Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before putting on mask
2. Properly wear mask over nose and mouth and secure under the chin
3. Fit the mask snugly against the sides of the face
4. Wear masks that allow for breathing

**Physical distancing:** Students will be seated and functioning in the classroom in a similar fashion as they were prior to the pandemic. Teachers/staff may space students out 3-6 feet when it makes sense, but there are no expectations to limit instructional opportunities in order to social distance. Students will work in pairs, groups, attend assemblies and participate in activities as they did prior to the pandemic.

**Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:** Students will receive ongoing health education for proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette as provided by classroom teachers and the school nurse. The instruction will address how to best clean/wash hands and how to cover coughs/sneezes. Posters will be provided in restroom and handwashing areas. Adequate supplies such as soap, tissues, water, hand drying and hand sanitizer will be provided for students.

**Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:** Classrooms will be cleaned daily. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and at various entrances and locations throughout the building (cafeteria, gyms). Bathrooms, drinking fountains, bottle fillers, doorknobs, handrails and lockers are disinfected regularly. Students and staff are expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day. Ventilation in the K-12 building is monitored regularly to maintain a balance of fresh air and recycled air. Filters are cleaned and replaced regularly. Updates to the HVAC system throughout the district will be completed.

**Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments:** The district will follow all laws and cooperate with the Darke County Health Department if contract tracing and quarantine is required.

**Diagnostic and screening testing:** Franklin Monroe has rapid tests available to assist families with students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Families are encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider for additional diagnostic and screening.

**Efforts to provide vaccination to educators, other staff and students:** Vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students can be administered at existing state and local COVID-19 vaccination sites. The Darke County Health Department has already made vaccinations available through clinics.

**Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:** Franklin Monroe will have an individual approach for students with disabilities consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 plan. Students with disabilities who have health-related concerns will receive appropriate accommodations as determined and requested by the family, student, or staff.



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### REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF LOCAL PLANS

#### **Continuity of Services**

Franklin Monroe Schools will ensure continuity of services including but not limited to 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 Franklin Monroe Board of Education and Administration will address continuity of services as follows:

**Academic needs:** The district will utilize regular vendor and/or classroom assessments to identify at-risk students (STAR Reading & Math Assessment, regular teacher assessments). Data from the fall 3rd grade ELA test provided data that is consistent with passing rates in recent years. K-3 students will be placed on RIMPS based on available data. Use of district RTI/SST process for helping determine student needs and to provide Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions deemed necessary/appropriate. The district makes devices available in grades K-12 that can be utilized when students experience an illness or are required to quarantine. Summer learning opportunities are available for students needing additional assistance.

**Students' and staff social, emotional, mental health:** Teacher and parent referrals will be used to identify students at-risk socially and emotionally. The district will also utilize student surveys to determine students' needs. Guidance counselors will assist with addressing social, emotional, and mental health concerns. The district partners with the Darke County ESC and Recovery and Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio to provide mental health services.

**Food Service:** Franklin Monroe Local Schools will be able to again provide a free school lunch for all students (regardless of their free and reduced meal status). Families are encouraged to complete free and reduced meal applications that allows for a reduction in other school fees.

**Bi-Annual Review and Public Input:** This plan was created on June 18, 2021. Public input may be provided by contacting district administration. At minimum, this plan will be reviewed bi-annually and will be updated accordingly.