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Any Revisions to the plan will be dated and submitted to The Ohio Department of Education and posted on the Boardman Local Schools website.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides substantial federal resources to support states and local school districts. As a result, local school districts are required to develop a plan, which details the safe return to in-person instruction and the continuity of services. This plan is developed with feedback and will be monitored and revised based on ongoing review through September, 2023.

To the greatest extent practicable, prevention and mitigation policies will be developed considering the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and Mahoning County Health Department, for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

The plan will be reviewed regularly and as new guidelines are released by state and federal agencies. Adjustments to programming, practices, and policies will be made based on data, impact of programming, local, state, and/or federal guidelines.

MITIGATION STRATEGY PROTOCOLS

The Boardman Local Schools will continue to practice mitigation strategies that reflect current conditions of the impact of COVID-19 and any variants of the virus. Should health conditions shift, the district will continue to coordinate with Mahoning County Public Health, CDC guidelines, as well as internally review COVID positivity rates, case count, conditions and mitigation strategies and revise as necessary.

Student Schedules

The District will operate in-person five days a week and open schools with the District Approved Calendar [2021-2022 School Calendar](#). Start and end times for each building will revert to pre-pandemic times for all grade levels and buildings.

Physical Distancing	The District will utilize space available to spread students and staff to allow for 3 feet where possible, but not guaranteed.
Hand Washing/Sanitizing	Hand washing will be emphasized. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located in every classroom and on all buses district wide. Students and staff are encouraged to sanitize when entering classrooms and when getting on buses.
Facilities	District cleaning protocols will continue with enhanced cleaning routines identified prior to the Pandemic. Maintenance and increased air filtration in all buildings, as well as ventilation improvements including air purifiers ordered for all classrooms, gymnasiums and cafeterias. More than 350 units are expected to be in place in September. Bus cleaning and sanitizing will continue throughout the school year.
Contact Tracing and Quarantine	Contact tracing will occur based on Mahoning County Public Health guidance for all highly infectious diseases. Identified district and building level administrators as well as the nursing staff have been trained in this process. The Ohio Department of Education released the following quarantine guidelines in August, 2021: K-12 guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in Classroom Setting
Diagnostic and Screening Testing	The District will continue to refer students and their families to Mahoning County Public Health for COVID-19 testing, and if available , will offer testing kits to families.
Vaccinations	The District will continue to encourage faculty, staff and students to consider being vaccinated for COVID-19 as it applies to them and their individual health situation. The District has hosted two Vaccination Clinics to service more than a thousand school employees from the region, as well as a student clinic for those 16 and older in May of 2021. Further collaboration on hosting more clinics with local health agencies is intended in the 2021-22 school year.
Accommodations for Students With Disabilities	The District will work with the student's IEP team to meet the unique health needs of students.
Masks	August 23, 2021 The Boardman Local School District will implement a mandatory mask requirement indoors during school hours for all students K-12 and all staff beginning at the start of classes, August 30, 2021. When we first announced plans for an optional mask policy for the 2021-22 school year in June, COVID positivity rates were relatively flat. In a short period of time, we have watched positivity rates rise quickly. The local, state and federal health agencies who we relied on

last school year were advising strongly for mandatory masks inside school buildings.

As we have learned, any plans relating to COVID 19 protocols are ever changing and may need to be adjusted. After the first 20 days of school, the mask mandate protocol will be reviewed.

Similar to last year, exemptions are available for qualifying conditions. To request a mask exemption, parents must complete the [Mask Exemption Form](#).

All students and occupants on school buses will continue to wear masks while on board, as required by the current federal orders for public transportation.