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**Applicant:** 15 4140 Pitman -  
Gloucester

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**Application:** ARP Safe Return Plan - 00-  
**Cycle:** Amendment 4

**Project Period:** 9/1/2021 -  
8/31/2022

## 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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The Pitman School District is following the guidance provided by the governor which has lifted the universal mask mandate effective March 7, 2022 and is making masking optional for all students, staff and visitors.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

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The Pitman School District is following the guidance provided by the governor which has lifted the universal mask mandate effective March 7, 2022 and is making masking optional for all students, staff and visitors.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

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The Pitman School District will continue to follow the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Health Recommendations for Local Health Department for K-12

Schools which recommends that the district follow the CDC, NJDOE, New Jersey Executive Orders and NJ Department of Health guidance for handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Students and staff in classrooms with sinks will utilize the CDC recommended form of washing, which is soap and hot water. Hand sanitizing stations will be maintained with alcohol-based hand sanitizers (containing 60% alcohol). Hand washing stations will be maintained with soap, water, and alcohol based hand sanitizers. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day, including but not limited to before eating, after eating, using the bathroom, after blowing their nose/sneezing/coughing. Signage will be displayed throughout the school buildings to encourage hand washing and sanitizing.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation  
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The Pitman School District will continue to follow the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Health Recommendations for Local Health Department of K-12 Schools regarding the cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation. The district will continue to clean and disinfect all rooms in all schools on a regular basis. The district has purchased disinfecting products and equipment, including sanitizing sprayers, dedicated microfiber cloths, and dedicated microfiber cloth methods. The district will continue to purchase appropriate cleaning supplies & equipment, and conduct periodic audits of custodial practices. The district will continue to work to upgrade building HVAC control systems, purchase high quality HVAC filters, and increase the frequency of HVAC filter changes. Additionally, consideration will be given to increasing fresh air levels and to replacing window that are not working properly and therefore not providing increased air flow.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments  
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The Pitman School District will continue to follow the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Health Recommendations for Local Health Department of K-12 Schools regarding contact tracing. Based on these recommendations, the district has transitioned away from a case-investigation response model to a routine disease control model in schools. This model focuses more on response to clusters of cases, outbreaks, and evidence of ongoing transmission in a particular setting and less on individual case investigation and contact tracing. The district has implemented a formal process for reporting student and staff COVID positive cases. Standardized communication procedures, protocols, templates for notification to staff, families and the community have been developed and implemented.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing  
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The Pitman School District will continue to follow the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Health Recommendations for Local Health Department of K-12 Schools regarding diagnostic and screen testing. Families and staff are encouraged to refrain from attending school or work when sick or exhibiting COVID like symptoms. Families and staff are encouraged to monitor for symptoms and test following the onset of symptoms or after a potential exposure. The district website provides

information regarding quarantine and isolation protocols, screening and handling of symptomatic students and staff, travel protocols, masking and testing resources.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Pitman School District is committed to maintaining in-person instruction and will continue to provide information, when requested, regarding vaccinations for students and staff.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies  
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district, in accordance with guidance from the NJ Department of Health, NJ Department of Education and the local health agencies, provides appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities that include but are not limited to the availability of clear facemasks, face shields, plexiglass dividers, mask tolerance behavioral programming, telehealth related services while permitted via the state, social distancing, individual material sets and in-home behavioral supports when appropriate. Student needs are assessed on an individual basis and accommodations and modifications as provided.