

# American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief

## Safe Return to School Checklist



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### Overview

The Safe Return to School plan must meet the requirements on the checklist. When your plan satisfies each section with a checkbox, your plan is ready for review. You are responsible for providing the link to your plan within the ARP ESSER III application assurances page. If you have not yet done so, please submit the link as soon as possible. CDE ESSER Review teams will follow these links to review your plan.

Plans must be updated as situations or protocols change, with updates being made no later than every 6-months. Use [most recent CDC recommendations](#) to guide your LEAs plan. Please ensure that the LEA's plan remains up-to-date during the period of availability of ARP ESSER III funds (through September 30, 2024).

#### 1. Plan for Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

- Important Dates
  - The frequency by which the plan will be reviewed (and updated if needed) - first review must occur within 6 months of original posting and every 6-months thereafter
  - Returning to School (best practice)
  - Board meeting dates (best practice)
- Academic Needs (in-person and remote learning options)
- Student and Staff Social, Emotional, Mental Health, or Other Needs (may include student health and food services)

#### 2. Layered Prevention Strategies

Please use most recent CDC guidance when addressing each prevention strategy below. Your plan must explain how your district will address each of the strategies.

[CDC Recommendations](#)

- Vaccines
- Masks
- Physical Distancing
- Screening Testing
- Ventilation
- Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
- Staying Home when Sick
- Contact Tracing
- Cleaning and Disinfection

#### 3. Levels of Community Risk and Phased Prevention

- Collaboration with Public Health Department Officials to Determine the Risk of Transmission:
  - Total new cases per 100,000 persons in past 7 days\*
  - Percentage of Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) that are positive in past 7 days\*
- \*No data needs to be published within your posting. It simply needs to be clear that the LEA is collaborating with local health officials concerning this information.
- How Decisions are Made about Preventative Actions
  - The Number of COVID-19 Cases amongst Students, Teachers, and Staff, and Number of People in Quarantine
  - Compliance with Prevention Strategies
  - Levels of Community Transmission

### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

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