

Applicant: 80 7890 Teaneck Community Charter School - Bergen

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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.

How the LEA will support its schools implementing, to the greatest extent practicable, prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks
(566 of 1000 maximum characters used)

As outlined in our reopening plans and updated board policies, we have followed NJDOE and NJDOH guidance for mask wearing, in consultation with our local health offices and our school nurse's office. In addition to requiring students, staff and visitors to bring and wear their own masks on a daily basis, we also provided additional masks and other PPE as needed (available at our main office and screening entrance locations). Signage is posted throughout the school building reminding of the importance of wearing masks - including the correct way to wear them.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)
(440 of 1000 maximum characters used)

We have used physical distancing per CDC and NJDOH recommendations and split groups of students into AM-PM and alternating day cohorts to allow adequate space between students. As we prepare for full day in person instruction for all students in September 2021 (per the Governor's directive), we will configure classroom furniture to maximize physical distancing while scheduling for all students to be in person for full days, with lunch.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
(415 of 1000 maximum characters used)

In addition to converting several hallway water fountains into hand washing stations, the school provided instruction for students on hand hygiene and consistently encouraged handwashing and respiratory etiquette through signage and updated district policies and our reopening plan. The use of these hallway handwashing stations and the consistent lessons in etiquette will be continued for the foreseeable future.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
(432 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The school HVAC system was upgraded in the fall of 2020 to add ultraviolet and Merv 13 filtration and additional upgrades are scheduled to allow for remote operation and monitoring. In addition, a number of windows in the main office wing were converted to allow for opening and closing / fresh air circulation. Additional custodial staff have been hired to ensure regular cleaning and disinfection of classrooms and common areas.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

(214 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Our nurse's office and administrators worked with our local health departments to facilitate contact tracing and to determine isolation and quarantine lengths as appropriate for various cohorts and/or grade levels.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

(427 of 1000 maximum characters used)

While the school does not implement diagnostic or screening testing by our nurse or other staff, we have worked with outside organizations to offer a free testing program in our parking lot for the school community and members of the greater Teaneck township. Any time testing has been required as a condition of return to school, the nurse's office has coordinated the receipt and documentation of relevant testing paperwork.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

(552 of 1000 maximum characters used)

In the spring of 2021, school staff and educators were provided a number of opportunities to receive free vaccinations through a partnership with the county health department and DOE. Appointments were scheduled with the school administration, who coordinated recipient lists with the county. Those who elected to get vaccinations (both through this program or on their own) were granted paid leave without being charged a sick or personal day. Vaccination eligibility for other groups (students, families) were shared via general community updates.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

(564 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Students with disabilities were provided with the opportunity to come in for 4 days of in-person instruction per week before it was offered to the larger school community. For evaluations and small group instructions, additional PPE and different kinds of barriers were used as accommodations, where necessary. Additionally, custodial staff incorporated regular cleaning of surfaces in our resource room classrooms in between use by various groups of students. Where applicable, the school nurse was also informed of any health and safety accommodations needed.

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Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social emotional mental health and other needs which may include student health and food services. (425 of 1000 maximum characters used)

In addition to our regular ESY program, TCCS is offering a number of free summer courses in literacy and STEM to help address student academic needs. We are also partnering with Care Plus to offer mental health training and services to students and staff for the coming school year. With the return to full school days, we will be resuming our lunch program - including free and reduced lunch service for those who qualify.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. (308 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The plan was presented at the 6/14/2021 public board of trustees meeting, where public comment was solicited and worked into the final submitted version. In addition, details regarding the school's reopening plan and modifications were posted on the school website with a "feedback" button for public input.

Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (207 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The plan has been posted in English, using the template provided in the application. In the posting, parents in need of a translated or ADA / alternate format are instructed to make their request via email.

Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. (240 of 1000 maximum characters used)

In cooperation with the school special services department, TCCS will be offering ongoing guidance professional learning and technical assistance through its professional development and training program, which will begin in August of 2021.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.