

Barnesville Exempted Village School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan American Rescue Plan (ARP)

The District's plan is on the www.bevsd.org website and was submitted to the Ohio Department of Education at continuityplan@education.ohio.gov on June 15, 2021.

Mitigation Plan Components

The Barnesville Exempted Village School District must implement 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 for the operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff. The District has adopted policies on each of the mitigation strategies below:

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks

As of June 2, 2021, the Ohio Department of Health rescinded the COVID-19 health orders listed at the following link:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/directors-order-rescinding-various-orders-06-02-21.pdf>. Because of this, the District rescinded its face mask policy on June 17, 2021 effective for the 2021-2022 school year. The District will continue to monitor health orders from the Ohio Department of Health.

2. Physical distancing

The Ohio Department of Health Director's Second Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings, and Non-Congregating was previously expired at 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2021.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/news-releases-news-you-can-use/covid-19-update-06-01-21-health-orders>.

The District will continue to monitor health orders from the Ohio Department of Health.

3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

The District will instruct students and staff to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer, when entering a facility. Use sanitizer products that meet Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Guidelines are available on the CDC's COVID-19 "How to Select and Use Hand Sanitizer" page. Cover coughs and sneezes with sleeve or elbow, not hands. Make hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available throughout the buildings for staff and students.

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

The District will routinely disinfect high-contact surfaces, desk workstations, restrooms, and equipment. Make hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available throughout the buildings for staff and students.

5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine

The Barnesville Exempted Village School District will continue to work closely with the Belmont County Health Department to report cases of COVID-19 and follow isolation and quarantine guidelines.

6. Diagnostic and screening testing

The District will recommend students and staff be tested if COVID-19 symptoms arise. Each clinic has take home test kits that students and staff can utilize.

7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students

The District conducted a vaccination clinic for staff in the spring of 2021 at the middle school. It also offered students 16+ an opportunity to be vaccinated at the high school. The District will offer the vaccine to students 12+ in June.

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

All students will receive appropriate accommodations with respect to the health and safety policies regardless of their accommodations and or disabilities. The District will ensure that all IEPs and 504s are followed and keep all parents informed.

Continuity of Services

The District will enact the Learning Recovery and Extended Learning Plan found on the District's website by following

<https://www.bevsd.org/Downloads/Learning%20Recovery%20&%20Extended%20Learning%20Plan.pdf>. In addition, the District created a Remote Learning Plan for students and staff in case

one or more buildings were closed due to COVID-19. The District has guidance counselors, Student Services Prevention Specialists, The Village Network Licensed Counselors available to students and staff. All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year. We have increased our summer school services offerings to students.

Periodic Review

The District will review this plan, at least every 6 months, for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (through September 20, 2023) and will seek public input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the plan. The Public is always invited to the Barnesville Exempted Village School District's Governing Board meetings held every 3rd Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m. at Barnesville Middle School. The District will continue to monitor Ohio Department of Health, Belmont County Health Department, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio High School Athletic Association, and CDC recommendations and revise this plan as necessary.

Summary of the Local Use of Funds

The District will be utilizing the ARP ESSER funds in the following manner:

- 20% set aside: The District will address learning loss through implementation of evidence-based interventions & technology during a comprehensive after school program, responding to the academic, social, and emotional needs of students.
- Enhancing teacher salaries to maintain operation of and continuity of services, including retaining existing staff
- Remodeling the front entrance to the high school in order to improve indoor air quality and to construct a holding area for student health checks in order to reduce the risk of virus transmission
- Replacing the middle school roof to improve indoor air quality and ventilation in order to reduce exposure to environmental health hazards