



Applicant: 05 3440 MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP - Burlington

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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. 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
(355 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District adheres to current masking requirements mandated by the NJ Governor's Executive Orders, and the recommendations of the NJDOE. The district will revisit masking requirements as guidance evolves based on the NJDOE, CDC, and NJDOE recommendations. Staff and school nurses reinforce well-fitting and correct mask usage by all students and staff.

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

The District is continuing to prioritize maintaining full-day in-person instruction for all students without the need for cohorting/podding and based on NJDOH and NJDOE guidelines for social distancing as articulated through our state and local health officials and the Governor's Executive Orders. We implement social distancing recommendations to the greatest extent possible as per NJDOH and NJDOE to the extent that doing so does not prohibit our ability to provide full-day in-person instruction in all school settings for all students.

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

Approaching maximum character limit.

The Mount Laurel School District maintains and provides indoor facilities with adequate ventilation, including operational heating, and ventilation systems. Recirculated air does have a fresh air component. The maintenance of filter(s) for A/C units are maintained and changed according to manufacturer recommendations. The district will provide and maintain hand sanitizing stations with alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol) in each classroom (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), at entrances/exits of buildings, and near lunchrooms and toilets. Children ages 5 and younger will be supervised when using hand sanitizer. For classrooms that have existing handwashing stations, the district prepared stations with soap, water, and alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol). Students will be encouraged and

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

The Mount Laurel School District is committed to facilities cleaning procedures to reduce the spread of contagion. The maintenance supervisor and custodian staff in consultation with the building principals use procedures for increased routine cleaning and disinfection. These procedures include cleaning/disinfecting schedules, targeted areas to be cleaned, methods and materials to be used, and routinely cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that are frequently touched. This may include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily (e.g, door-knobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops). The district has replaced all HVAC and classroom unit ventilators raising air filtration levels above MERV 13. All filter(s) for HVAC units are maintained and changed according to manufacturer recommendations and units have a fresh air recirculation component per safety recommendations.

- 5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
(737 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Contact tracing is used to identify those who come into contact with people who have tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. In contact tracing, we identify people who have an infectious disease (COVID-19) and their contacts (people who may have been exposed) and work with them to interrupt disease transmission. This includes requiring cases to isolate and contacts to quarantine at home. All procedures regarding contact tracing practices within the Mount Laurel Schools will adhere to applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding privacy and the confidentiality of records and in partnership with the local health department procedures.

- 6) Diagnostic and screening testing
(774 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district informs parents and staff of free and fast testing sites. The district works collaboratively with local and state health officials for disseminating information to staff and parents pertaining to available screening and diagnostic testing. The district informs staff and parents not to report to work or school if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 until it can be verified through testing the individual(s) are COVID-19 free. School nurses communicate with families and staff regarding any question and health information necessary when it is relevant to them. A daily health survey is provided to staff and students to use each day to monitor their health and if symptoms are present not to report to work or school until confirmed it is not COVID-19.

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

The District has coordinated with the local health department for staff vaccinations and referred all eligible students ages 5 and above to the area vaccination clinics held and to the NJ vaccination mega-sites. The District has worked with staff and students to facilitate vaccinations by holding two vaccination clinics on-site at school resulting in 765 vaccinations administered to both staff and students ages 5 and above including boosters for eligible populations. Vaccinations are readily available to all staff and eligible students for walk-in, free vaccines, at multiple sites within the community and from the NJDOH. The District continues to refer all school personnel and eligible students to these sites.

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

Students with disabilities served in special programs receive services by staff with the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment necessary for their setting. Students with disabilities served in general education settings follow all the same health and safety policies and protocols outlined for all students. Students with medical conditions will be accommodated in the school setting according to physician and school nursing guidelines, requirements, and NJDOH recommendations.



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Safe Return Plan Updated

Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated

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. (994 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Approaching maximum character limit.

The District is implementing extensive summer enrichment programming (learning acceleration program) for all eligible students entering K through 8th grade based on multiple measures (benchmark assessments; teacher recommendation; attendance; grades). The program will be 3.5 hours in length per day; 4 days per week; and last for 5 weeks. The program targets Title I, LEP students, students with disabilities, and other special populations. The district plans to continue high dosage tutoring interventions in the Fall and Spring of the school year as well. Students with disabilities will receive Extended School Year Services (ESY) as per their needs outlined in their IEPs. IEP Programs are offered for differing durations (4 weeks; 5 weeks; and, 6 weeks) depending on the student's disability and need. School counselors and mental health professionals are provided during summer school programs and during the school year. Food services continue per the Dept. of Agriculture requirements.

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. (397 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District maintains public comment emails where it may receive input/feedback/comment from the public on the plan (mtlboecomment@mtlaurelschools.org or mtlreopen2020@mtlaurelschools.org). The plan is reviewed at the regularly scheduled public board of education meetings, where public comment is accepted. The plan is posted on the district website for the public to review and submit comments.

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. (334 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District posted the Plan on the district website with the public comment option. The plan is written in layperson terminology consistent with the language used with parents throughout the pandemic. Parents are provided with a contact number and email to use if they have any questions on the plan or any material presented within.

Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. (519 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district meets regularly with the District and School Reopening committees to review and assess conditions within our schools. Meetings with School Nurses and principals are also conducted. The Superintendent and School Nurses meet regularly with the local health department and the Department of Education for guidance and training sessions. Information is communicated to staff to ensure their understanding of the plan and protocols for maintaining a safe in-person learning environment for staff and students.

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

<http://www.mtlaurelschools.org/COVID-19/A-Plan-for-Safe-Return-to-In-Person-Instruction/index.html>

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

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