

## **American Rescue Plan Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)**

### **Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plans**

**During 2020-21** Hillsboro City Schools conducted classes face-to-face for those who chose to attend school. There was also an “at home” option for those who preferred to be educated at home through a school provided online program. Following is a list, but not limited to, precautions used by Hillsboro City School staff during the 2020-2021 school year:

Students and staff wore masks at all times. Masks were provided to students who did not have a mask or face covering;

Hand sanitizer was provided in each classroom and many locations throughout the buildings;

Staff deep cleaned desk tops, lunch tables, and many other solid surfaces that student came in contact with during the school day.

Chromebooks were assigned to students so there was no need to share devices.

Deep cleaning took place each night after students exited the buildings and buses.

### **2021-2022 School year plan.**

1. Our District plan includes, or will be modified to include, the extent to which it has adopted policies and a description of any such policies on each of the following mitigation strategies:
  - Universal and correct wearing of masks:
    1. As of July 24, 2021 wearing of face coverings by students or adults will be voluntary. If the CDC advises otherwise the District will comply.
    2. The school will have additional face masks on-hand for those who request them.
  - Physical distancing will be encouraged per the CDC requirements.
  - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be taught to our youngest students and encouraged to all students;
  - Deep cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities will continue as done in 2020-2021 school year. The district is working with our maintenance crew to develop a replacement plan including improving ventilation in our buildings;
  - Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, will follow the CDC guidelines and supervised by our school nurse;
  - Diagnostic and screening testing will follow the CDC guidelines and managed by our school nurse;
  - Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, will be done by working with our local health department and school nurse;
  - Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to their health and safety will be directed by our District nurse.

2. Hillsboro City Schools' plan ensures continuity of services
  - o Academic - both face-to-face and online course work to address the students' academic needs;
  - o Mental Health for both students' and staff - social, emotional, mental health professional development for staff and services for students;
  - o Food Service - free breakfast and lunch for all students.
3. Hillsboro City Schools will bi-yearly review the ARP ESSER grant plan (July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023), and revise as necessary.
4. Hillsboro City Schools seeks public input and takes such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the revisions to the plan.