

American Rescue Plan/ ESSER Safe Return to In-Person Instruction

Part A

Oxford Township School District (also referred to as Oxford Central School) will follow the New Jersey State mandates as it applies to wearing of face masks. As of June 7, 2021, all students, faculty members, and visitors must wear a face mask when entering the building regardless of vaccination status. As students enter the building, as well as throughout the day, faculty check to ensure they are correctly wearing their masks. Should indoor mask wearing be lifted, students, faculty and staff members who wish to continue wearing a mask may do so without fear of being teased, bullied, and/or harassed. Behaviors of this nature will be addressed according to Board of Education Policy 5131, Student Conduct and/or Policy 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. Signage will be placed in classrooms, hallways, office areas and common areas promoting proper hygiene, hand washing, face covering and physical distancing procedures.

Part B

The Oxford Township School District will continue to follow the New Jersey Department of Health guidance for physical distancing. As of June 7, 2021, a minimum of three (3) feet of physical distancing between students in classrooms. Classroom are arranged with three feet of physical distancing between students can be maintained and students are able to attend in-person five days a week. Social distance will be maintained during the initial student entry in the morning by using a queue setup at multiple entry points. Students will maintain the prescribed social distance as required from the most up-to-date information by the NJDOH, NJDOE and WCDOH. Students will be dismissed from the building in small groups as designated by the administration. The use of common areas will be limited to times when social distancing can be maintained and when students are supervised such as testing, related services, as required from the most up-to-date information by the NJDOH, NJDOE and WCDOH.

Part C

As per the NJDOH, the Oxford Township School District will reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used. The district will encourage students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue if not wearing a mask. Used tissues will be thrown in the trash and hand hygiene as outlined above should be performed immediately. The school district will have adequate supplies including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, tissues, and no-touch trash cans. Hand hygiene will take place: upon arrival at school; before and after meals and snacks; after going to the bathroom; before leaving for the day; after blowing nose, sneezing, or coughing into tissue; and when hands are visibly soiled. Younger children will be shown the proper methods. Classroom windows may be opened to provide additional fresh air.

Part D

Shared workspaces and equipment will be sanitized daily with electro-static spray guns and EPA COVID-19 approved sanitizing solutions. Hand sanitizer will be placed in each room. Disinfectant wipes will be available in every area. OCS will continue to follow all maintenance to ensure all HVAC units servicing all areas are maintained. All classrooms have operational windows for fresh air as well as operational

exhaust fans in hallways and lower level classrooms. Routine cleaning schedules will be enhanced to ensure the sanitizing and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, objects, items, etc. All cleaning/sanitizing products will meet prescribed CDC and EPA guidelines for COVID-19 effectiveness. A limited number of restrooms will be open to ensure effective monitoring and maintaining of facilities, doors will be propped open and they will be cleaned and disinfected hourly. Water fountains will be shut down. Water bottle refilling stations are available.

Part E

The Oxford Central School complies and follows the New Jersey Department of Health in regards to quarantine and isolation. Contact tracing is completed by the school in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health. All school district administrators, school safety specialists, counselors, and any other staff deemed appropriate by the school district will be provided information regarding the role of contact tracing in keeping school communities safe from the contagious disease.

Part F

Oxford Township School District will have families screen their child prior to entering school using the screening tool provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. District faculty will self-screen prior to entering the building using the screening tool provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. If students or staff have COVID-19 symptoms, of CLI as per the screening tool, they will not be allowed in the building or will be sent home immediately. They will follow Department of Health guidelines in reference to the next steps prior to reentering the building for school or work.

Part G

The district, in collaboration with the Warren Hills Cluster, provided faculty and staff with the opportunity to be vaccinated. Other faculty and staff were vaccinated, prior to or through different agencies, outside of the collaboration between the district and the Warren County Department. Communication was sent via the school district's mass notification system and social media platforms to all families regarding the opportunity available to students aged 12-15 for vaccination appointments at a local pharmacy. Location and appointment instructions were provided as part of the communication.

Part H

Oxford Central School will provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities as needed. Our Child Study Team, in conjunction with administration and teachers, will develop these accommodations based on testing results and/or a medical diagnosis from a doctor. Physical accommodations included plexi-glass desk barriers were for students, faculty and staff as well as appropriate physical distancing.

The district will utilize in-person learning models to support students. Pending changes in NJDOH guidelines, we will have students attending 5 days a week as of August 30, 2021. The school day will be 8:20-3:00, and lunch will be served. Students who demonstrate a gap in academic areas based on district assessments will have tiered interventions in place through our RTI process. Students who have struggled during the school year, will also have the ability to attend the OCS Summer Academy Program in July 2021, where students' academic needs will be targeted and remediated. OCS will continue to provide students with lunch through the USDA Seamless Summer Option. OCS will provide students with services to support their SEL needs including school counseling services, social-emotional learning curriculum, and positive school-wide behavioral support. Staff will be offered health and wellness activities throughout the school year that focus on mental and physical health.

Public Comment: The Oxford Township School District will invite public comment through the Re-Opening Committee and during the public meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Education on June 10, 2021.

Public Comment Part B: The Oxford Township School District will have the ability to translate the document into languages other than English upon request. In addition, the plan can be orally translated upon request by reaching out directly to the school. The district will adjust the document to meet the needs of any community member to ensure their full understanding of the Safe Reopening Plan.