

Safe Return Plan

Jefferson Township Public Schools

June 19, 2023

Purpose of Plan

All NJ school districts that received ARP and ESSER funds are required to complete a Safe Return Plan and update the plan every six months.

Universal and correct wearing of masks

Mask wearing will be reflected by the current guidance demonstrated by the Governor's Executive Orders and/or the NJDOH.

Physical distancing

The district will follow social distancing guidelines, as issued by the NJDOH

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

The district will promote proper handwashing techniques as well as respiratory etiquette by

- Placing signage on the exterior door and the inside spaces of the toileting rooms in all schools
- Placing hand sanitizer at the entry of the building and in the cafeterias
- Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before eating

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

ESSER/ARP funds will be utilized to make upgrades to the district's HVAC system

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

All contact tracing will be conducted within the NJDOE/NJDOH guidelines

- All close contacts will be required to quarantine in accordance with the NJDOH and NJDOE guidelines

Diagnostic and screening testing

The district will not conduct Covid-19 testing at its facilities

The district will continue to encourage any individuals with Covid-19 symptoms to be tested

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

The district will make every effort to help prioritize vaccinations for staff by continuing to work with a local hospital

The district will not provide vaccines to educators, staff, or students

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

All students' IEPs and 504 Accommodation Plans will be followed

Public Hearing