

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (ARP Act)



LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Arizona Department of Corrections

2. Entity ID Number*

8336

3. CTDS Number*

211002000

4. Plan's Primary Contact Name*

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Please submit your Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan every six months from your prior submission date.

Revision Timeline: January 2023-June 2023, and July 2023-September 2023

7. When did your LEA last review or revise your plan within the last six months? Please provide mm/dd/yyyy.*

06/06/2023

All LEAs receiving ESSER III funds must make publicly available on their website, a plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. Please list the link where the plan/template is posted on the LEA's website.

- 8. Insert the link below with directions on how to find the LEA's Safe Return to In-Person plan located on the website (do not link directly to the PDF). The plan must be on the ADE template that was provided. The narrative verbiage on the template must be identical to the narrative verbiage provided on this online form. ***

Go to our website for Arizona Department of Corrections: <https://corrections.az.gov/> On home page, top right "About," click "Office of the Deputy Director," then "Programs and Reentry," then, on the left, "Education," then, in the middle of the page in blue you'll see "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (ARP Act)."

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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

9. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on universal and correct wearing of masks?*

☒ Yes

10. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on universal and correct wearing of masks.*

Mandatory use of face covering by staff and inmates.

11. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)?*

☒ Yes

12. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).*

Reduction of class sizes and modified seat configuration during class to maintain CDC social distancing guidelines.

13. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on handwashing and respiratory etiquette?*

☒ Yes

14. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on handwashing and respiratory etiquette.*

All staff members complete Communicable Diseases training annually that include protocols for hand washing and respiratory etiquette.

15. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation?*

☒ Yes

16. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.*

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Maintain cleaning supplies in all work areas.

17. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments?*

☒ Yes

18. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.*

New arrivals and intake maintain a 14-day quarantine. Arizona Department of Corrections collaborates with the Arizona Department of Health. If someone tests positive (student or staff), we follow CDC guidelines.

19. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on diagnostic and screening testing?*

☒ Yes

20. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on diagnostic and screening testing.*

Mandatory wellness checks for all staff entering the facilities.

21. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities?*

☒ Yes

22. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.*

All staff and inmates are offered vaccinations free of charge.

23. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies?*

☐ No

24. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on coordination with State and local health officials?*

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☒ Yes

25. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on coordination with State and local health officials.*

Arizona Department of Corrections collaborates with the Arizona Department of Health and Centurion Health.

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.

26. How will the LEA ensure Continuity of Services?*

Briefly describe an overview of the continuity of services and in the following questions you will provide more detailed information.

The LEA continues to provide its inmates services during the pandemic including mental health services, education, food and religious services because we are a secure care facility. Staff has access to free mental health services through our Employee Assistance Program.

27. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' academic needs?*

The LEA continues to provide educational services but does so in compliance with CDC guidelines. The LEA has also expanded its Peer to Peer tutoring program throughout the 10 prisons.

28. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' social, emotional, and mental health needs?*

Students have access to licensed mental health providers. The LEA will purchase social-emotional curriculum for implementation in the classrooms.

29. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' other needs?*

This may include student health and food services.

The LEA continues to provide NaphCare health services to students and does so in compliance with CDC guidelines. The LEA has also will continue to provide food to it's students, but in accordance with CDC guidelines via our contracted food provider.

30. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for staff's social, emotional, and mental health needs?*

Employee Assistance Program. PD including staff wellness.

31. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for staff's other needs?*

All ADCRR Staff can utilize out Department's Ombudsman Office and their Staff. The objective of the Ombudsman Office is to provide an opportunity for staff to voice their concerns safely without fear of retribution, to help staff seek answers to questions they may have, to assist staff with exploring options to their situation, and to help staff discover solutions, when possible. The ombudsman is a confidential, impartial, informal and independent resource available to all staff.

The Ombudsman Office is not an office of record and does not require any type of written documentation whatsoever. It is an informal process and does not participate in any of the formal disciplinary processes of the agency, although staff will often come to discuss their options to help them determine how they would like to move forward in a way that feels right to them.

The ombudsman office is available to all ADCRR employees.

The LEA must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services through September 30, 2023

32. Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan.*

Arizona Department of Corrections is a secure care facility and we follow the guidelines of the state Department of Health and the Governor's Office.

33. Did you make any revisions/changes to this plan from your last plan submission?*

☒ Yes