



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo

2. Entity ID Number*

4303

3. CTDS Number*

07-86-11-000

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: May 2023-September 2023

7. Since your last submission date, when did your LEA last review and/or revise your plan? Please provide the updated mm/dd/yyyy of your review/revision. This date should be updated from your last submission. *

08/25/2023

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 your LEA's Safe Return to In-Person plan located on your LEA website (do not link directly to the PDF). The plan must be on the ADE template that will be downloaded from EMAC after completing your responses.*

LEA Website: www.academiadelpueblo.org

Scroll down on the home page until you see the Safety Mitigation Plan. Under that section there is a direct link to our "ADP Safe to Return to In-Person Instruction Plan"

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.*

Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo’s leadership team mandated a mask policy. All parents were informed of the policy on August 17, 2021 and again on September 28, 2021 after a Maricopa County Superior Court ruling allowing the use of face covering in schools.

March 2022:

Per CDC guidelines, the Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo leadership in collaboration with the Friendly House (FH) leadership, made changes to the mask policy in March 2022. As of March, 2022, wearing a mask was recommended not required.

August 2022: Per CDC guidelines, the Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo leadership in collaboration with the Friendly House (FH) leadership, have maintained that MASKS ARE OPTIONAL for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors. We recommend masks for anyone who has been in close contact with a someone positive with Covid-19; and anyone who is positive with Covid-19 past the five days of self-isolation recommended by the CDC.

August 2023

Per CDC guidelines, the Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo leadership in collaboration with the Friendly House (FH) leadership, have maintained that MASKS ARE OPTIONAL for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors. We recommend masks for anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive with Covid-19; and anyone who is positive with

Covid-19 past the five days of self-isolation recommended by the CDC.

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).*

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo made necessary modifications to facilities, systems, and schedules where possible. Students are seated in the classrooms with the option of using desk shields. All students must wear a mask indoors. Additional cafeteria benches were purchased to allow for greater social distancing during lunch. In the cafeteria, students are seated three (3) to a bench and all students face in one direction, as opposed to the previous "across the table" format whereby students face each other during lunch. Additionally, modifications were made to the recess schedule allowing for fewer grouping of students during recess for certain grade levels. School-wide directional and safety signage was also added to the campus to educate students and staff on traffic flow and social distancing.

January 2022:

During the spring of 2022, Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo reduced the number of signage on campus and gave teachers the options to use desk shields. However, the school does still maintain social distancing practices.

August 2022:

Social distancing is still encouraged by appropriately spacing students in classrooms and cafeteria.

August 2023

Social distancing is still encouraged when appropriate, school attempts to keep students in the same groups in class, upgraded ventilation systems still in use for each classroom.

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.*

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo has installed outdoor single hand washing

stations at each grade level corridor and a multi-sink hand washing station at the entrance of the cafeteria. Teachers have incorporated grade level appropriate hand-washing schedules into their daily routines and handwashing is a regular part of the school's teaching and learning day. Friendly House Academia del Pueblo has been following the CDC guidelines for coughing and sneezing to help prevent the spread of respiratory illness like influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) whooping cough, and COVID-19. To help stop the spread of germs, students and staff are adhering to the following: cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, throwing used tissues in trash, if no tissue available, cough or sneeze into elbow, not hands.

August 2022:

Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo continues to provide all classrooms with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and facial tissues.

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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.*

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo has implemented several campus safety measures in preparation for the return to in-person learning:

Classroom ventilation system upgrades with award winning air cleaning technology.

Upgraded the intake filters in each classroom.

Retrofitted classroom windows with ventilation screens so that each classroom can have continual airflow.

Purchased individual desk shields for all student desks in each classroom.

Installation of outdoor hand washing stations at each grade level walkway and a multi station toe valve operated hand washing station at cafeteria/gym entrance.

Replacement of all drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations to encourage students to use personal water bottles each day.

Invested in additional cafeteria benches to allow for greater social distancing during lunch.

Invested in school-wide directional and safety signage to educate students and staff on traffic flow and social distancing.

Implemented a school-wide health and safety program that includes: a school nurse, daily temperature checks, student staging area for students who may be exhibiting symptoms of being ill, contact tracing measures and health screening.

A school board approved Safety Mitigation Plan and school-wide face mask policy.

School-wide trainings on Coronavirus awareness, CDC guidelines for Face Coverings and Cleaning and Disinfecting workspaces.

Invested in Clorox 360 Electrostatic Fogging Sprayers and implemented a school-wide disinfecting program.

Installation of hand sanitizing stations in each classroom and designated areas on campus.

August 2023

Classroom ventilation system upgrades with award winning air cleaning technology - still in use.

Upgraded the intake filters in each classroom - still part of maintenance schedule.

Retrofitted classroom windows with ventilation screens so that each classroom can have continual airflow - still in use.

Installation of outdoor hand washing stations at each grade level walkway and a multi station toe valve operated hand washing station at cafeteria/gym entrance - still in use.

Replacement of all drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations to encourage students to use personal water bottles each day. - still in use.

Invested in additional cafeteria benches to allow for greater social distancing during lunch. - still in use.

Implemented a school-wide health and safety program that includes: a school nurse. Regularly monitoring students who may be exhibiting symptoms of being ill, contact tracing measures and health screening.

A school board approved Safety Mitigation Plan and school-wide face mask policy.

Sharing of information and resources as needed pertaining to Coronavirus awareness, CDC guidelines for Face Coverings and Cleaning and Disinfecting workspaces.

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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.*

When a positive case is reported on campus, along with documentation of results, Academia del Pueblo follows the following steps.

Contact all parents of students in the classroom

Parents pick up students

Contact the Dept of Health

Students are quarantined or sent home for 10 days.

Monitor staff and other students – should symptoms arise.

Communicate to the school community that there has been Covid in the community.

All information kept confidential

August 2022:

When a positive case is reported on campus, along with documentation of results, Friendly House Academia del Pueblo follows the following steps.

Contact all parents of students in the classroom via parent letter.

Encourage parents and staff to monitor themselves and children for the onset of symptoms.

Communicate to the school community that there has been Covid in the community.

All information kept confidential

*If there are 2 or more cases reported in one classroom, the Department of Health will be contacted.

August 2023

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-Encourage parents and staff to monitor themselves and children for the onset of symptoms.

-Communicate to the school community that there has been Covid in the community.

-All information kept confidential

-*If there are 2 or more cases reported in one classroom, the Department of Health will be contacted.

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

No

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

Yes

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

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo is actively partnering with Valley of the Sun United Way and One Community on hosting a pediatric vaccination event for students and families on the campus of Friendly House Academia del Pueblo in an effort to expand access to vaccines for the school community.

January 2022: Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo partnered with Embry Health to provide free Covid-19 testing on campus.

August 2022: Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo is no longer hosting vaccine or Covid-19 testing events on campus. However, Friendly House Academia Del Pueblo continues to encourage the school community to get vaccinated with the Flu and Covid-19 vaccines.

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

Yes

23. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.*

Students on an IEP are contacted by their special education teacher. Accommodations via paper packets or video conferencing made available, if the students are quarantined.

August 2022:

All students are attending school in person, and receiving all needed services.

August 2023

All students are attending school in person, and receiving all needed services.

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.*

Each time a positive case of COVID-19 is reported on campus, the school contacts the Department of Health Services for coordination and guidance.

August 2022:

State and local health officials will be contacted when an outbreak (2 or more confirmed positive cases (and are unrelated and not from the same household) in one classroom.

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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.

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo utilized ESSER funds to maintain current operational staffing levels and continuity of services. Maintaining teaching staffing levels and allows for smaller classroom sizes allowing for optimal learning environments to address learning loss due to the pandemic. It also allows for an improved classroom safety environment, the removal of desk shields and allowing for small group desk arrangements in a safe manner.

The continuity of services also included maintaining transportation staffing levels which allows for enhanced transportation route options for students and staff safety as part of the schools Safety Mitigation Plan for the safe transport of students to and from school with maximized social distancing.

To address learning loss and meeting the academic needs of students, Friendly House Academia del Pueblo will be implementing a comprehensive after school, Saturday school and summer tutoring and enrichment program. Friendly House Academia del Pueblo believes strongly in the benefits of quality after school programming. The After School program provides a safe, fun after school experience for students, while contributing to academic achievement, leadership development and overall student success.

The After School program offers three different programming components for students: 1) a 2:45pm healthy snack for students after school, 2) a 3:00pm academic support component, and 3) a 4:00pm recreational enrichment component. The summer program will offer a similar program format and the Saturday school program is primarily academic. The program will operate from August through June of the FY24 school year.

The 4 week summer learning program will support strong academic outcomes and promote healthy youth development options during the critical summer months and help students to get back on track with a routine for consistent learning in preparation for the following school year.

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Friendly House Academia del Pueblo utilized ARPA and ARPA/SLFR grant funds to aid in the mitigation of negative impacts of COVID-19 and address financial stability related to academic learning loss, continuity of service and the well-being of students. The funding aims to address learning loss and continuity of service through maintaining small classroom sizes, adding long-term substitute teaching positions and providing academic intervention. The school will utilize "stabilization" teaching positions to maintain current teaching & learning operations and continuity of service to address the academic learning loss experienced by students as a result of the pandemic. The stabilization positions allow for smaller classrooms sizes, allowing for optimal learning environments. The school will also utilize an Academic Interventionist to provide targeted academic support to students who are struggling academically, through individualized learning plans. The interventionist will focus on the school's subgroup population and students at the bottom 25%. Lastly, the school will utilize long-term substitute teaching positions to temporarily fill vacant teaching positions in supporting creative solutions to address learning loss and allow for continuity of service for student learning.

The school will also support student well-being by providing a school nurse on campus to provide vital services that help promote student health and well-being.

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

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo is currently providing 100% In-Person instruction. However, should a student/class be quarantined, a system is in place to provide the option for students to take their school devices home. Teachers also provide take home academic consumables for students to work on from home.

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

Teachers are provided with on-going training in Social Emotional Learning, to address their needs as adults, so that they can be aware of student needs during these very uncertain times.

Staff in the middle school grades have also received Suicide Awareness training for students. Teachers have been trained on how to identify and prepare for students in crisis and to be on the alert for social and emotional concerns amongst students.

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

This may include student health and food services.

During the entire school closure period of 2020 Friendly House Academia del Pueblo provided curbside food pick up with extended hours from 7am to 2:30pm allowing families to collect a healthy breakfast and lunch meal in one stop. Now that the school is back to In-Person instruction, all students receive a free breakfast and lunch.

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

The LEA has ensured that the school has a full time counselor who is available for staff and student social, emotional, and mental needs.

Staff have received resources and brief check ins to address their social emotional needs, from the schools Director of Teaching and Learning and through various other online resources as applicable.

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

n/a

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.*

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo engaged in meaningful consultation with stakeholders by providing the public the opportunity to provide input via school survey on how utilize ESSER funds. Part of that survey included the safe return to in-person instruction. The goal of the meaningful consultation and survey was to make thoughtful, sustainable investments in support of ongoing innovation and creativity to transform teaching and learning and the safe return to in-person instruction.

Friendly House Academia del Pueblo will use a similar stakeholder consultation process for any significant changes to in-person instruction formats or virtual learning platforms.

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Friendly House Academia del Pueblo continues to provide an atmosphere for open and transparent communication and dialog with stakeholders, providing both the public and staff the opportunity to provide input as needed.

After completing all responses in EMAC, save your information. Then, use the red download button to create a copy of your completed form to be uploaded to your LEA website. Once your form is uploaded to your LEA website, log back into EMAC to click the blue submit button and submit your form to be reviewed by your specialist. Your EMAC submission will not be approved unless this updated form is on your LEA website.

33. Did you upload the completed EMAC form to your LEA website?*

Yes