



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Hermosa Montessori Charter School

2. Entity ID Number*

4426

3. CTDS Number*

10-87-01-000

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. *

08/14/2023

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.*

<https://hermosaschool.org/policies/>

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.*

Face Covering
 FACE COVERINGS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED

- Face coverings will no longer be required for any student or staff member; however, masks may be worn.
- Face coverings will not be required in any educational space or during activity Face masks will be available for distribution upon request.
- Masks are not required at this time. Hermosa encourages families to consult their health care provider and our staff will support each family's mask decision for their student(s). Pima County Board of Supervisors does not require universal masking on public schools.

Included is the link to Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (ARP Act)
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11. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)?*

Yes

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Social Distancing
 Staff members will educate and remind students to maintain distance between individuals at all times when possible. Where possible, students will remain with the same groupings or cohort, and the same staff throughout the day. Social distancing protocols may be "relaxed" when community monitoring reveals lower levels of community spread of COVID-19.

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.*

Bathrooms
 Only one boy or girl from each classroom will be allowed in the bathroom at a time. Posters reminding students of proper handwashing techniques will be displayed. The bathroom will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

Hand Washing
 All students and staff will wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, at the following times:

- before and after lunch
- after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose
- after being outside for physical activity

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.*

Ventilation
 CDC guidelines regarding ventilation systems improvements have been completed with consultation from experienced Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) professionals. The delivery of clean air includes:

- Increased outdoor air ventilation, using fresh outdoor air by opening windows and operating evaporative coolers.
- Confirmation that ventilation systems are operating properly and provide acceptable indoor air quality for the current occupancy level for each space, and increased total airflow supply to occupied spaces.
- Disabled demand-controlled ventilation (DCV) controls that reduce air supply based on occupancy or temperature during occupied hours.
- Operating the HVAC system at maximum outside airflow for at least 2 hours before and after the school is occupied.
- Confirmation that restroom exhaust fans are functional and operating at full capacity and bathroom windows are open.
- Use of portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems to help enhance air cleaning in the health office.
- Completion of duct cleaning by a certified HVAC professional for all classrooms.

In addition to the above mentioned ventilation systems, Hermosa has installed fans with UV lights that have the capability to reduce virus spread. For more information on these fans see: <https://www.cleanairsystem.com/products/Visitors>

Hermosa will limit nonessential visitors and volunteers at school. No parent volunteers in the classroom will be allowed during an increase in reported cases.

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.*

Arizona no longer requires the reporting of cases or outbreaks of COVID-19.

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.*

Hermosa follows Pima County Health Guidelines on diagnostic and screenings. Hermosa no longer requires proof of testing.

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.*

Hermosa distributed the materials provided by the CDC and Pima County Health Department through the COVID emergency.

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

Yes

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

HMCS provides accommodations for students with disabilities as determined appropriate, based on the individual's needs and according to their IEP.

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

Yes

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

Hermosa Montessori Charter School (HMCS) is committed to keeping our students, families, and staff safe during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Governing Board of Hermosa Montessori Charter School created the safe school reopening document with consideration of materials provided by the Arizona Governor's Office, the CDC, Pima County Health Department, and the Arizona Department of Education. Hermosa Montessori School adheres to the legal mandates provided by the State of Arizona. Governor Ducey's AZCARES requires that charter schools offer five day a week instruction for 180 days, and for the same number of hours as in the previous school year. The document also considers the fluid nature of considerations and information regarding the reopening of school during an unprecedented pandemic.

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.

27. 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.

HMCS implemented a number of provisions to ensure continuity of high-quality services as and continues to follow our comprehensive Mitigation Plan.

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

Additional instructors were hired for the 2021-2022 school year to support academic recovery in the core areas. These positions were retained through the current school year and beyond to address the on-going academic needs due to the COVID slide.

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

HMCS will implement PAX, an evidence based social-emotional learning program. When need is indicated, HMCS will contract with local mental health providers.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Before leaving home, a parent or guardian is encouraged to check their child for symptoms associated with COVID-19 or any other contagious illness that would prevent them from attending or remaining at school. Parents must communicate information regarding symptoms of contagious illness to school personnel. Students will have the opportunity to make up work missed due to symptoms of illness.

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

School administration will work with teachers and support staff to identify social, emotional, and mental health needs throughout the school year, and these needs will be addressed on an individual basis.

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

Not applicable.

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

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

Hermosa continues to public comments periodically via the Governing Board meetings. Agendas are published every month on the website. Hermosa also has an email address, www.hrt@hermosaschool.org, that collects and responds to questions, concerns, and comments from our parent population. These comments and concerns were also taken into consideration during the revision of the plan.

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.

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

Yes