



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Morenci Unified School District

2. Entity ID Number*

4230

3. CTDS Number*

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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. *

07/01/2023

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.*

Please go to: <https://www.morenci.org>, click on Menu and find "MUSD Safe Return to School" under District Services.

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 masks are no longer required for any student or staff member; however, masks are strongly encouraged if there is a COVID outbreak or you are immunocompromised.
- Face masks continue to be available for distribution upon request.

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).*

- Continued development of specialized instructional spaces within buildings as needed – i.e. cohort pods, recess zones, outside classrooms areas, etc.
- Building improvements and the addition of space as needed for the safety of students and staff.
- Updates, as needed, for improved technology use within the schools.
- The District is 1:1 with Chromebooks (K-12) so students do not share technology.

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.*

MUSD continues to promote frequent handwashing and respiratory hygiene. Students are reminded to wash their hands after using the restroom, before meals, etc., and provided access to hand sanitizer stations.

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.*

- Increased disinfection continues at MUSD. This includes all touchpoints, student workstations, and school busses.
- Staff continues to have access to disinfectant supplies to clean high-touch areas regularly throughout the day if desired.
- For increased ventilation, doors are open when students are in the classroom.

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.*

- MUSD continues to consult with the Greenlee County Health Department who will conduct contact tracing and notification to parents if a student has been exposed to COVID-19 and length of quarantine.
- In the case of a positive lab-confirmed case, MUSD will consult with the Greenlee County Health Department who will determine the length of quarantine.

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.*

- Stay home and seek medical advice from a physician when feeling ill.
- Students with symptoms will be sent to the nurse.
- Students must be fever-free for 72 hours before returning to school.

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.*

- MUSD continues to partner with Gila Health and the Greenlee County Health Department to provide information to the community about COVID (and flu) immunization opportunities as a courtesy for those who wish to access the vaccine. At this time, COVID Immunizations are not required for staff or students.

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.*

- MUSD is committed to continuing to provide specially designed instruction and accommodations for students with disabilities in a safe environment. Students are provided equitable access to the general curriculum, and a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) per their Individualized Education Programs (IEP) in the least restrictive environment while maintaining the health and safety of students.

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

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Yes

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

MUSD is committed to partnering with state and local health officials.

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.

For the 2023-2024 school year, MUSD continues to use a pre-pandemic academic schedule including all athletics, extra-curricular activities and trips. We will continue to consistently monitor the safety of students and staff as we continue to provide learning opportunities in an in-person environment.

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

MUSD is committed to addressing the academic needs of our students. We continue to use screeners, and formative & benchmark assessments to identify strengths, learning gaps & disabilities, provide interventions to promote progress and growth, maximize instructional time which includes reteach/enrich, after-school tutoring, summer school and credit recovery.

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

MUSD continues to utilize various programming, resources, and partnerships that benefit the mental, social and emotional needs of the students and staff. This includes: in-school counseling services, partnering with outside agencies to provide services to students & families, continue to focus on building strong and trusting relationships among students, families and educators, and explicitly teach critical social, emotional, and academic skills.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Disposable food service items (eg. utensils, trays) will be utilized, and non-disposable food service items will be handled with gloves and hot water (including dishwasher), all serving areas & kitchens will be thoroughly disinfected daily, and we continue to discourage the sharing of food/drinks among the students.

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

The MUSD Leadership Team continues to support employees' professional and emotional needs by providing appropriate professional development to help support themselves & students in both academics & social, emotional, and mental needs. Staff is provided with wellness resources and contact information for crisis response. The District focuses on school/classroom culture as well as taking the opportunity to recognize & celebrate the work of all teachers/stakeholders serving students.

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

The MUSD Leadership Team has an open-door policy. Staff members are encouraged to reach out to their building administrators or the District Office for any additional needs they may have.

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.*

As a District, we seek community input in various ways, such as: school surveys, parent/teacher conferences, orientation meetings, social media and public hearings at regularly scheduled board meetings.

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