

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



LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Somerton Elementary School District

2. Entity ID Number*

4500

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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 2022-June 2022, July 2022-December 2022, 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.*

10/18/2022

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. *

<https://www.ssd11.org/documents/school-site-protocols/159975>

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.*

LEA policy is in alignment with state and local mask guidelines for Arizona in classrooms and on school grounds.

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).*

LEA will continue to follow state and local guidance. SSD will promote healthy social distancing as appropriate

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.*

LEP policy requires all students and staff to wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol upon arrival at school, after being outside for physical activity, before and after lunch, prior to leaving school for home, and after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose.

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.*

LEA has arranged for daily cleaning and disinfecting of all frequently touched surfaces in work areas, such as door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, desks, and learning tools. Any shared items (if any) must be cleaned between uses. A/C and heating systems will be cleaned and maintained more frequently. Air Filtration systems will be cleaned and maintained to ensure quality air circulation is clear at all times.

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.*

LEA has established positive covid test scenarios a 3-5-day quarantine policy is recommended. Clearance by the district's Health Services Manager before returning to campus

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.*

LEA has all the necessary tools for temperature checks and covid 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.*

LEA will send notifications to parents and staff regarding specific dates, times and locations vaccine clinics will be held frequently and in multiple notification platforms utilized by the School District.

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.*

LEA's Special Education Director and 504 coordinator will continue to coordinate with site-based case managers to ensure the needs of special education students and students with special needs are being met with respect to safety protocols outlined in policy.

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

Yes

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

LEA will continue to follow State and local health official's recommendations and guidelines set forth to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and community.

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.

SSD ensure continuity of services by focusing resources on the Academic and Social Emotional Learning needs of our students. All Departments are involved in the District wide plan of protocols that ensure implementation is streamlined and consistent. The District leadership meets with department heads to ensure understanding of the programs, resources, and protocols that are to be utilized. District leadership also visits locations to ensure protocols are being followed.

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

Updated technology and staffing has made it possible to provide students and parents with additional resources, such as teachers, instructional aides, updated devices and programs. These resources provide students the opportunity to get help due to learning loss and to continue their education at home if needed due to covid phase I implementation.

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

The District provides the students and staff with Capturing Kids Hearts program to support the Social Emotional Needs of our students.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Food Service Department will continue to ensure health and safety protocols are in place to food service is served and prepared in the most clean and hygienic method possible.

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

HR Department and the SSD Health Staff will continue to promote Wellness tips and Emotional Support Resources. SSD will continue to promote health and safety protocols that help staff feel safe and secure in their work environment.

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

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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.*

The Somerton Community was surveyed to gather input. The following topics were surveyed: 1. Academic Acceleration needs. 2. Instructional Technology needs. 3. Support Services (SEL & Needs) 4. Staffing support to help close the learning gap created during the COVID Pandemic 5. Safety for all school environment (COVID, Air Quality, Equipment) 5. Additional Program needs to improve the educational quality of our programs. 6. Facility/Transportation Repairs & Improvements to ensure a safe environment.

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

Yes