

# Le Grand Union Elementary School District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

**LEA Name: Le Grand Union Elementary School District** 

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## 1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), please describe 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 CDC.

#### A. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

The Le Grand Union Elementary School District will provide masks for all students and staff. All staff, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear masks/face coverings while indoors when students are present. Students will be required to wear masks while indoors. Staff and students will not be required to wear masks while outdoors.

#### B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding):

The average class size at Le Grand Elementary is 21. This allows for adequate physical distancing while indoors. The school cafeteria has seating for 500. Breakfast and lunch times will be staggered in order to allow for adequate physical distancing during lunch and breakfast. Students will be in grade level cohorts and mixing cohorts will be discouraged.

#### C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations have been installed in every classroom on campus. In addition, all sinks have been fitted with touchless faucets. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette is explicitly taught in each classroom.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

Additional custodial staff have been hired in order to increase the frequency of sanitization and cleaning of high traffic areas.

E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments:

Le Grand Union Elementary will continue to work closely with the Merced County Public Health Department concerning contact tracing. Isolation and quarantine guidelines will be followed as per CDC guidance.

F. Diagnostic and screening testing:

Le Grand Union Elementary offers a robust Antigen Rapid Testing program for all staff/students considered to be close contacts of positive cases. Additionally, rapid testing is available for all staff for weekly screening, and plans for widespread community access depending on test availability.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:

All community members ages 12 and older have been provided with ample opportunity to be vaccinated including a community vaccination clinic scheduled to be held at Le Grand Elementary at the end of August. Vaccine supply is available in Merced County.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:

All children with disabilities have equal access to everything described in sections A-G.

### 2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

A. Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (1000 character limit)

ESSR funds and increased state revenues have allowed Le Grand Elementary to strengthen our multi-tiered system of support for academics and social-emotional support. Intervention specialists in the area of early literacy, reading comprehension, and mathematics have been hired in order to provide services to students needing the most support. In addition, classroom aides have been added in order to allow more opportunities for small group instruction during the school day. In the area of social-emotional support, the district hired a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Coordinator in order to provide counseling services (responsive and proactive). In regard to food services, the district provides free breakfast and lunch to all scholars and supper for scholars who participate in our after-school program.

#### 3. Public Comment

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan. (1000 character limit)

This plan will be open to public hearing at the June 8, 2021 board meeting, posted on the school website once approved and the community is provided with the opportunity to provide input during every regularly scheduled governing board meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month).

B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (1000 character limit)

This document, as well as all others, are translated into Spanish and posted on the district website.