



Wellsville Local Schools
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan
In compliance with American Rescue Plan:
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER)

This plan was developed in coordination between district certified and non-certified staff, administrators, students, parents, and community agencies.

Wellsville Local Schools began in person instruction with remote learning as an option for the 2021-2022 school year in August and continued in person instruction throughout the entire school year. Wellsville Local Schools continues to recognize that the Covid-19 virus is still a threat to the safety and welfare of our staff and students. The Wellsville Local School District must remain vigilant in our approach to ensure the safety of all our stakeholders and as a result the following principles will guide our district as we move forward with keeping our schools open:

1. The Wellsville Local School District will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
2. The Wellsville Local School District will work closely with the [Columbiana County Health Department](#) to promote health and safety in all school buildings
3. The Wellsville Local School District will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school facilities.

UNIVERSAL AND CORRECT WEARING OF MASK

* The District will follow the state mandate in terms of face coverings. These mandates supersede district plans.

The use of masks (face coverings) is an important component to help prevent the spread of germs. Vaccinations have been made available for individuals aged 12 and older.

- Individuals who have been [fully vaccinated](#) are not required to wear a mask for school or work.
 - Masks are optional/personal choice for:
 - Any person who has been fully vaccinated.
 - Any student (12 years old or older) who has been fully vaccinated.
 - Any visitor or volunteer who has been fully vaccinated.
- It is recommended that individuals who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask.
- The School District is not requiring vaccination proof at this time; therefore, the school's mask policy is dependent on an individual's good conscience and adherence to this guidance document.

- It is recommended that unvaccinated students in summer programs/community education camps wear a mask, especially if students are congregating in an enclosed area.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

The Wellsville Local School District will implement the recommended safety protocols but any students who attend school will incur some levels of risk. The district will decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.

HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

- The district will reinforce frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among teachers, students, and staff.
- The district has provided multiple hand sanitizer stations throughout the buildings as well as placing visual clues such as handwashing educational posters.
- The district has provided touchless water stations to decrease the possible spread of the virus.

CLEANING FACILITIES/VENTILATION

- The district will continue to disinfect and sanitize common areas based on a schedule provided by the administration. The custodians will ensure that staff is provided with daily disinfectant spray and paper towels for the daily cleaning of the student desk.
- The district will purchase additional sanitation/cleaning supplies including new floor scrubbers, carpet cleaners, and sweepers.

CONTACT TRACING/ISOLATION/QUARANTINE

Wellsville Local Schools will follow all recommendations from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and Columbiana County Department of Health regarding contact tracing and isolation. We will use the same procedures that we used during the 2021-2022 school year.

DIAGNOSTICS AND SCREENING

The following link is an up to date list of testing locations from the Ohio Department of health Website. The linked ODH Map shows COVID-19 testing sites throughout Ohio. The information is available to employees and their families for Covid Diagnostic Testing.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/other-resources/testing-ch-centers>

In addition staff and families are encouraged to contact the local health department of residence for additional testing resources that can be found on their websites [Columbiana County Health Department](#)

VACCINATIONS

- The district will continue to coordinate with the [Columbiana County Health Department](#) to provide vaccinations and release time to our staff.
- The district will continue to coordinate with the [Columbiana County Health Department](#) to provide vaccination opportunities for our students.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodations are made for students with disabilities including masking exemptions, and any other accommodations that are reasonable they may need.

STUDENT ILLNESS

Any student with a fever of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit should stay home.

Any student that has the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and should see a primary care provider to be assessed for COVID -19:

Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever (measured or subjective), chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea).

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER ILLNESS

- If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:
- 3 days with no fever (without using fever-reducing medication) AND
- Other symptoms improved AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Students that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that as COVID- 19, may return to school after he/she has been fever-free for 72 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Any other illnesses should be handled routinely according to our district policies

To return to school the child must be transported to school by the parent and checked by the school nurse.

Communication of a positive COVID-19 case in a student or staff member will be developed in cooperation with the [Columbiana County Health Department](#).

TRANSPORTATION

- The district will allow two students per seat and in some cases three if the students are younger and therefore smaller.
- Seating charts will be used.
- The district will continue to sanitize buses regularly.

FOOD SERVICE

- The district will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for the '21-'22 school year in compliance with all state and local requirements
- The district will continue to provide meals for identified students through the Seamless Summer Food program throughout the summer of 2022, if available.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Academic

- The district will use data collected through several sources including Map Reading scores, Map Math scores, Heggerty Phonics; Heggerty and Past Assessment data grades K-4, Exact Path and Study Island Results, RTI conferences - progress reports, Fall and Spring State Assessments (Past and Present), Past End of Course State Assessment scores and ACT scores. This data will be analyzed to determine student areas of need and targeted interventions and remediation will be provided. Instruction will be differentiated to meet the needs of all students. Each grade level or the curricular area will determine measurable learning objectives and clear instructional plans will be developed that focus on targeted deficiencies in content areas.
- The District will evaluate the progress of subgroups (special education, economically disadvantaged, gifted) and provide intervention and/or enrichment support.
- Interventions will continue for students at Wellsville Local School. Wellsville provides a multi-tiered system of interventions to address the academic and behavioral/social-emotional needs of all students. Each building has a process of screening and identifying students in need of interventions. Interventions are designed and implemented and monitored for effectiveness in order to support growth in targeted areas.
- Special education staff, including school psychologists, intervention specialists, and related service personnel will continue to work with parents, students, and teachers to determine the need for special education services. Students who receive special education services will continue to be provided these services as defined by their Individualized Education Plans.

- The District will continue to implement and increase after school tutoring in grades K-7 in ELA and Math for all students and work to establish after school tutoring in the High School.
- The district will offer a summer learning program for both High school and Elementary students. The high school will offer summer programming that will focus on credit recovery and learning loss in a virtual format staffed by high school core content teachers in an open computer lab format. The 2021-2022 summer program dates and times will be determined at a later date. Transportation will be provided as well as lunch. Students will receive intense individualized instruction in each of the core subject areas.
- The district will continue to maintain its technology infrastructure utilizing funds as needed.
- Teachers will be provided appropriate technology as needed.
- Teachers will be provided with upgraded interactive teaching boards, laptops or desktops, and other various technology needs.
- Remote learning will continue to be an option for students.

Social, Emotional, Mental Health

- The district will continue to provide a school based mental health counselor to address the students' social and mental health needs. The district will continue to collaborate with local area agencies to provide mental health services to identified students.
- The district will continue to employ two school counselors to support students' academic and social/emotional needs.

Health

- Health services will continue in the buildings. The district provides the service of one RN and one LPN on staff. Together, they work to not only service the everyday health needs of students, but they work with the CDC to keep the district current and in compliance with all pandemic guidelines.

Support Resources for Parents:

- [How to Talk to Your Kids About COVID-19 - from the Mayo Clinic](#)
- [How to manage anxiety, stay active, and focus on your family's well-being.](#)
- [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)

Food

- The district will continue to make food service accessible and free as per a federal program grant to all students in the district, regardless if the student is learning remotely or in person.

SUMMARY OF ARP ESSER FUNDS

Wellsville Local Schools will offer after school and summer school programming, including credit recovery opportunities throughout the school year and summer months. Additionally, we will purchase supplies and remediation programs as needed. We will continue to employ staff in order to maintain a reduced student-teacher ratio and maintain continuity of services. The district will continue to purchase necessary safety supplies in regards to operating at full capacity in person learning.

REVIEW/REVISION OF PLAN

Using the OIP process, the District Leadership Team will meet quarterly to discuss and review the continuity of services plan and revise as needed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Wellsville Local Schools received parent and staff input using surveys and informal conferring to make decisions regarding educational needs during the pandemic. Parent and staff input will be collected through additional surveys throughout the process.

School community stakeholders are welcome to call or email Rich Bereschik, Superintendent (rbereschik@wellsville.k12.oh.us; 330-532-2643) to provide feedback on the plan. Feedback will be shared with the Wellsville Board of Education as decisions are made regarding the health and safety of our students, staff and community. For specific building questions, families should contact the building administrators.

This document is subject to change due to state and local health department guidelines or Governor's orders

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