

Regional Office of Education #12

ASSIST Alternative School Programs ROE 12 Early Childhood Programs

Safe Return to School Plan

Maintenance of Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and Other School and LEA Staff

The maintenance of the health and safety of students and staff will be ensured by continued daily cleaning and disinfecting of all common surfaces. Additionally, the proper use of masks is strongly encouraged, as well as the observation of a minimum of three-feet of social distancing while on campus. Every student and staff member will be required to be subject to a wellness check upon entering the building daily. Those exhibiting symptoms will be asked to return home. Any subsequent contact tracing will be completed by the local County Health Department(s).

Adopted Policies on CDC's Safety Recommendations

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

All students and staff are required to wear proper protective masks in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, as per Executive Order 2021-18. At which time Executive Order 2021-18 either expires or is rescinded, the wearing of masks by all students and staff will be strongly encouraged.

Modifying Facilities to Allow For Physical Distancing

Program Administration will ensure that unused student desks will be removed from classrooms in order to maximize physical distance, with an effort to provide a minimum of three feet of social distancing.

Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

Program Staff will encourage and monitor program participants to observe the highest standards of personal hygiene with regards to hand washing and appropriate methods to prevent the spread of germs when sneezing or coughing.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

Program Staff will clean and disinfect all common surfaces on daily basis. Regular cleaning of ventilation systems will be conducted.

Contact Tracing and Quarantining

The local County Health Department(s) will be responsible for any necessary contact tracing and orders for students and/or staff to quarantine as per state and local guidelines. A student or staff member's local county (of residence) health department may also be responsible for contact tracing and quarantine orders as necessary.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Every student and staff member will be required to be subject to a wellness check upon entering the building each day. Those exhibiting symptoms will be asked to return home.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Every effort will be made to monitor and accommodate the special needs of students with disabilities.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

Program Staff will work in close coordination with the local County Health Department(s), as well as the health departments of the students' and staffs' counties of residence. Every effort will also be made to coordinate with the school nurses of each of the participating schools served by the program.

Ensuring Continuity of Services

Students' Academic Needs

Students' academic needs will be closely monitored at all times. When quarantine orders are issued, students will be provided with a remote learning kit, which includes a Chromebook with cellular accessibility in order to ensure a continuation of instruction as age appropriate.

Students' and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

Program Staff will receive instruction in Youth Mental Health First Aid and will achieve certification in that program.

Student Health and Food Service

Student wellness will be monitored on a daily basis and a proper nutrition will be provided each school day via free breakfast and lunch offerings as available.

Other Student Needs

The ASSIST Student Interventionist and other applicable program staff, will monitor and coordinate program efforts to ensure that all essential student needs are met in an effort to provide a continuity of educational services.

Public Comment will be solicited through August 16-20, 2021. Those wishing to make comment are asked to contact the appropriate ROE 12 Program. Comments can be mailed to the following address:

ASSIST Programs
213 South Cumberland Street
P.O. Box 77
Willow Hill, Illinois 62480

ROE 12 Early Childhood Programs
300 West Main Street
Suite 307
Robinson, Illinois 62454

For ARP - ESSER III Compliance:

Required Safe Return Plan Content

Indicate which information below will be included in the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan. Check all that apply.*

- The LEA will describe how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff.
- The LEA will describe the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the CDC's safety recommendations including. Check all that apply.
 - Universal and correct wearing of masks;
 - modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
 - handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
 - cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
 - contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments;
 - diagnostic and screening testing;
 - efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;
 - appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;
 - and coordination with State and local health officials.
- The LEA will describe how it will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the areas listed below. Check all that apply.
 - students' academic needs
 - students' and staff social, emotional, mental health needs
 - student health and food services
 - other student needs.