

The Greenspire School

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Introduction and Background

In March 2021, President Biden signed the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Public Law 117-2, into law. The ARP Act provides an additional \$122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) to states and school districts to help safely reopen, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students. As with the previous ESSER funds available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), the purpose of the additional funding is to support local educational agencies (LEAs) in preparing for and responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on educators, students, and families. Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, no later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools (Safe Return Plan). A Safe Return Plan is required of all fund recipients, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act further requires that the LEA seek public comment on the Safe Return Plan and take those comments into account in the finalization of the Safe Return Plan. Under the interim final requirements published in Volume 86, No. 76 of the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), an LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023, review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return Plan.

Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Greenspire School will offer in-person learning, five days per week according to the board adopted 2021-2022 academic year calendar.

1. *Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks:* The Greenspire School is committed to providing students, faculty, staff, and visitors with a safe and healthy environment. During times of elevated communicable disease community spread (pandemic or epidemic), The Greenspire School will follow board approved policy that allows the superintendent to issue a mask order in accordance with our dress code policy as outlined in our Students and Parent/Guardian Handbook. At this time, masks are required of all individuals while inside the school building. Masks are optional outside of the school building.
2. *Physical Distancing:* The Greenspire School is committed to practicing social distancing of at least three feet when possible while inside the school building.
3. *Hand washing and Respiratory Etiquette:* Hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer will continue to be emphasized throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer is placed throughout the school building. Cough and sneeze etiquette will be taught and reinforced.
4. *Cleaning and maintaining Health Facilities, including improving ventilation:* The Greenspire School implemented several new cleaning procedures including more frequent nighttime custodial service visits and frequent wiping down of commonly used surfaces. Disinfectant wipes are placed throughout the building and surfaces are wiped down regularly. Air purifiers were purchased for the high school building and windows are regularly opened at the middle school to improve ventilation.

5. *Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine:* The Greenspire School will follow all local and state regulations and policies with regards to isolation and quarantine and make necessary adjustments through the year when possible/necessary.
6. *Diagnostic and Screening Testing:* The Greenspire School is not participating in any available diagnostic or screening programs for COVID-19. However, families are expected to assess their student(s) health on a daily basis prior to attending school. If students or faculty/staff exhibit any COVID-19 related symptoms as outlined on the home screening document sent to families and located on our Transparency page, they should stay home.
7. *Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Educators, other staff and eligible students:* Vaccine clinics and/or general information about vaccines will be communicated through weekly updates.
8. *Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies:* The Greenspire School will continue to provide health and safety accommodations in accordance with students' Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs).

Ensuring Continuity of Services

The Greenspire School is committed to the highest academic and developmental outcomes for each student. As such, The Greenspire School will ensure the continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and faculty/staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs.

Academic Services, Social-Emotional, Mental Health:

- The Greenspire School has returned to in-person learning, five days per week.
- Virtual Learning: For the 2021-2022 school year, The Greenspire School will not offer a virtual option, unless in an emergency situation (classroom or building quarantine).
- The Greenspire School has purchased a social emotional learning curriculum that will be used throughout the 2021-2022 school year and beyond.

Health:

- Students in the quarantine room will wear a mask, unless otherwise indicated.
- Anyone tending to a sick student will wear appropriate PPE.

Semi-Annual Review and Public Comment

This plan is available on the school's website at greenspireschool.org.

In accordance with federal guidelines, any person electing to provide public comment for review and consideration regarding this plan may contact the Superintendent, Robert Walker at robert.walker@greenspireschool.org or 321.421.5905.

This plan will be reviewed semi-annually through September 30, 2023. The plan will be available for public comment at the school's December and June board meetings.