

ARP ESSER III – Safe Return Plan Update (Return to Learn Plan)



Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, not 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, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP requires that the LEA seek public comment on the plan and take those comments into account in the development of the plan. Finally, section 2001(i)(3) of the ARP provides that an LEA that developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction prior to the date of enactment may be deemed to meet the requirement to develop such a plan so long as the plan meets the statutory requirements (is publicly available on the LEA's website and was developed after seeking and accounting for public comment).

During the period of availability of ARP ESSER funds (September 30, 2024, includes the Tydings Amendment), **an LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months, review and, as appropriate, revise its plan.** If the LEA revises its plan, the revised plan must address each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC or, if updated by the CDC, each of the updated recommendations.

If the LEA previously developed a plan and did not address each of the required aspects of safety established, the LEA must accordingly revise its plan consistent with these requirements and do so no later than six months after it last reviewed its plan. Finally, the LEA's return to in-person and continuity of services plan must be provided in an understandable and uniform format, written in a language that parents can understand or orally translated, to the extent practicable, and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

Changes For Safe Return Plan (Return to Learn Plan) Are Not Necessary

LEA Name: _____

The LEA, named above, certifies that:

- ☐ The LEA Safe Return Plan addresses each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC.
- ☐ The LEA Safe Return Plan has been reviewed and does not require changes at this time.

Signature of Superintendent

Date

If no changes are necessary for the periodic review of your LEA Safe Return Plan, please have the Superintendent fill out and sign this form and upload to the Safe Return Plan Tab under the Program Details of your American Rescue Plan application. **Deadline for first review is December 22, 2021.**