East Muskingum Local Schools
Safe Return
to In-Person Instruction Plan
2021-2022
Purpose

The American Rescue Plan provides federal resources to support state and local school districts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All Ohio school districts receiving federal American Rescue Plan funds must publish a “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan”. The “Continuity of Service Plan” must be posted on the district website and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education by June 24, 2021. The “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Local Use of Funds Plan” must be submitted and posted by August 20, 2021.
Sustained Continuation of In-Person Instruction

- East Muskingum Local School students will begin the 2021-2022 school just as they ended the previous year, with in-person instruction.

- Students in all six buildings will participate in face-to-face instruction and educational services five days per week.

- To address potential learning loss, East Muskingum Local Schools provided summer learning opportunities for students.
  - Summer Bridges books provided for incoming kindergarten -5th grade students.
  - Summer school options for 6th-12th grade students.
  - Students were able to visit the building library as many as ten times during the weekly summer sessions.

- Services will be provided to meet student and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs.
Sustained Continuation of In-Person Instruction

- East Muskingum Schools will continue to progress monitor and assess gaps due to learning loss as a result of the pandemic. Intervention and enrichment opportunities will be provided as needed during the school day.

- After-school programming will be provided during the 2021-2022 school year to address intervention and enrichment needs of the students.

- PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports will continue our culture of respect and responsibility within each school setting.

- All staff members will be trained in trauma-informed practices to meet the social and emotional needs of students, families, and staff.

- East Muskingum will participate in the “Seamless Summer Option” for meals within the cafeteria. All students will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals during the 2021-2022 school year.

- Student athletes will follow guidelines provided by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. It is highly recommended that coaches and student-athletes, who are eligible to be vaccinated, do so.
Safety Precautions for In-Person Instruction

- There are currently NO state mandates regarding vaccinations and social distancing.
- Masks – East Muskingum students and staff members will not be required to wear masks during the school day. The decision of students and staff who choose to wear a mask will be supported and respected.
- Transportation – The CDC mandate remains in place that masks shall be worn on school buses. There are no other state mandates regarding masks.
- Physical Distancing – Efforts will be made to promote social distancing and modifying facilities when necessary. It is highly recommended that those who are unvaccinated maintain three-to-six feet of social distancing indoors and at congested outdoor events.
Continued Safety Precautions for In-Person Instruction

- Handwashing – Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be located within classrooms, cafeterias, hallways, and athletic facilities for use by students, staff, and community members. Proper handwashing procedures will be encouraged for all.

- Cleaning procedures – Established cleaning and sanitizing processes that were implemented during the 2020-21 school year will be continued for the safety of all during the school year.

- East Muskingum Local Schools will continue to work with the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department in the communication of positive COVID-19 cases as allowed by law. Contact tracing procedures will be followed as required.

- East Muskingum staff members were offered COVID-19 vaccinations on February 12th and March 12th. Student vaccinations were provided for those families seeking the immunization for their children.

- East Muskingum Local Schools will provide accommodations and modification for students with disabilities on a case to case basis as mandated by their IEP. Amendments to the student’s IEP may be necessary based on the health and safety of the child.
# American Rescue Plan: Local Use of Funds Plan

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Periodic Review
Public Input

- The district administrative team will continue to review all new public health guidance issued by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, and the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department.
- Additional updates to operating protocols and procedures will be made in real-time as changes in conditions and recommendations warrant.
- Input from district stakeholders is solicited and encouraged continuously. Questions and feedback may be provided through the district email at info@eastmschools.org.