

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (ARP Act)



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
8336	211002000	ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Safety Recommendations	Has the LEA Adopted a Policy? (Y/N)	Describe LEA Policy:
Universal and correct wearing of masks	Y	Mandatory use of face covering by staff and inmates.
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Reduction of class sizes and modified seat configuration during class to maintain CDC social distancing guidelines.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	All staff members complete Communicable Diseases training annually that include protocols for handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Maintain cleaning supplies in all work areas.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	New arrivals and intake maintain a 14-day quarantine. Arizona Department of Corrections collaborates with the Arizona Department of Health. If someone tests positive (student or staff), we follow CDC guidelines.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Mandatory wellness checks for all staff entering the facilities.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	All staff and inmates are offered vaccinations free of charge.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	N	
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Arizona Department of Corrections collaborates with the Arizona Department of Health and Centurion Health.

How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services

How the LEA will Ensure Continuity of Services?

The LEA continues to provide its inmates services during the pandemic including mental health services, education, food and religious services because we are a secure care facility. Staff has access to free mental health services through our Employee Assistance Program.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	The LEA continues to provide educational services but does so in compliance with CDC guidelines. The LEA has also expanded its Peer to Peer tutoring program throughout the 10 prisons.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Students have access to licensed mental health providers. The LEA will invest in social-emotional curriculum for implementation in the classrooms.
Other Needs (which may include student health	

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and food services)	
Staff Needs:	
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Employee Assistance Program. PD including staff wellness.
Other Needs	

The LEA must **regularly, but no less frequently than every six months** (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), **review and, as appropriate, revise its plan** for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services **through September 30, 2023**

Date of Revision	3-1-2022
Public Input	
Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	Arizona Department of Corrections is a secure care facility and we follow the guidelines of the state Department of Health and the Governor's Office.

U.S. Department of Education Interim Final Rule (IFR)

(1) LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

- (a) An LEA must describe in its plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services—
- (i) how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:
 - (A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.
 - (B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)
 - (C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
 - (D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
 - (E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.
 - (F) Diagnostic and screening testing.
 - (G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.
 - (H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
 - (I) Coordination with State and local health officials.
 - (ii) how it will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.
- (b)(i) During the period of the ARP ESSER award established in section Start Printed Page 212022001(a) of the ARP Act, an LEA must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.
- (ii) In determining whether revisions are necessary, and in making any revisions, the LEA must seek public input and take such input into account
 - (iii) If at the time the LEA revises its plan the CDC has updated its guidance on reopening schools, the revised plan must address the extent to which the LEA has adopted policies, and describe any such policies, for each of the updated safety recommendations.
- (c) If an LEA developed a plan prior to enactment of the ARP Act that meets the statutory requirements of section 2001(i)(1) and (2) of the ARP Act but does not address all the requirements in paragraph (a), the LEA must, pursuant to paragraph (b), revise and post its plan no later than six months after receiving its ARP ESSER funds to meet the requirements in paragraph (a).



- (d) An LEA's plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services must be—
 - (i) In an understandable and uniform format;
 - (ii) To the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, be orally translated for such parent; an
 - (iii) Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent