

BELLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

(American Rescue Plan – ESSER III)

The following strategies and procedures are established based on CDC safety recommendations for safely returning to in-person instruction while maintaining the health and safety of students and staff:

- a. **Universal and correct wearing of masks:**
Signs will be posted at the entrance to the building about any mask requirements. Additional masks will be available for those who need one to enter the building. Individuals not wearing masks correctly will receive verbal warnings in order to stay on site.
- b. **Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding):**
Within all common areas there will be dividers on desks or tables to promote physical distancing. Signage on the floor will encourage individuals to maintain distance in transitions or staggered spacing when waiting in a line or a turn for an activity (bathroom, office, entrance)
- c. **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:**
Signage reminds individuals to consistently wash hands and/or sanitize. Additionally, classrooms will review respiratory etiquette such as coughing, sneezing, etc. Hand sanitizer stations are placed outside of all classrooms and bathrooms. Tissues are also consistently available in all classrooms.
- d. **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:**
The ventilation system was upgraded and is regularly maintained by our vendor.
- e. **Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments:**
The school identifies any exposures upon receiving information from an individual who has been on campus. The school follows all local guidelines for isolation and quarantine and reports cases to the local health department to complete any necessary additional contact tracing
- f. **Diagnostic and screening testing:**
The school has received rapid tests from the local Educational service center which are provided for diagnosis or to screen individuals of high risk activities.
- g. **Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible:**
The school provided information for staff participation in the vaccine clinic in coordination with CMSD during March and April 2021. The school continues to receive updates about vaccine opportunities from Cleveland Health Department and will share updates with the school community such as through posting in the office, Class Dojo, or website.
- h. **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:**
In cases of documented medical conditions and/or disabilities, staff or students who cannot wear a face covering will be exempt from this requirement. Other

accommodations to policies will be provided as necessary to support children with disabilities.

The School will take the following steps to ensure continuity of services including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services:

All students receive free and reduced lunch when attending summer school or learning during the school year. The school has submitted student information to receive P-EBT cards from the state. The school also partners with Beechbrook to provide mental health services to students and support staff mental health needs.

Prior to finalizing this plan, the School posted a draft of the plan on the School's website and provided the public with an opportunity to provide comment.

The School will review this plan and, as appropriate, revise the plan, no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023.