

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
4276	07-04-59-000	Laveen Elementary School District

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/Procedure? (Y/N)	Describe LEA Policy/Procedure:
Universal and correct wearing of masks	Y	Laveen requires staff and students to wear face covering when determined to be necessary by federal, state, or local health authorities. Families who wish to opt their child out of this regulation may do so by completing an opt-out form.
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Laveen has provided guidance on physical distance measures through the 'Safe Return to In-Person Instruction' Family and Staff Handbooks. This guidance includes maximized distancing between desks, students staying together (cohorting), teachers preventing congregating, physical distancing markings in the lunch room, and promotion of physical distancing activities in the playground.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette are to be maintained and are referenced in the 'Safe Return to In-Person Instruction' Family and Staff Handbooks. Schools have also posted proper handwashing procedures in student/staff restrooms.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	Laveen has provided Campus Disinfecting guidelines through the 'Safe Return to In-Person Instruction' Family and Staff Handbooks. The guidance includes frequent disinfection of high-touch surfaces, daily disinfection of student desks, and guidance for daily utilization of Clorox 360 machines in high-traffic areas. All air circulating in the classrooms and school buildings has a minimum of 20% fresh air introduced on a continual basis. This is monitored through a special technology that senses the Carbon Dioxide content in the air and adjusts to ensure that there is a 20% fresh air content being circulated. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, ensuring proper ventilation with outside air is a standard best practice for improving indoor air quality.

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Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	Laveen's COVID Response team in collaboration with Maricopa County Public Health conducts contact tracing with all close contacts of anyone testing positive for COVID-19. If a person shows symptoms while on campus, they are immediately separated from others, placed in a designated isolation area and sent home. Sick students/staff cannot return to school until they have met the criteria outlined in the 'Safe Return to In-Person Instruction' Family and Staff Handbooks to discontinue home isolation.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Laveen has provided information regarding diagnostic and screening testing locations via the 'Safe Return to In-Person Instruction' Family and Staff Handbooks. Laveen also hosts a weekly location for free diagnostic/screening testing at the district office.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	Laveen has partnered with Maricopa County Public Health to host three vaccine events for our community for childhood vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines. Other local vaccine efforts are advertised and promoted via our social media platforms and ongoing communication with families.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	Laveen has implemented accommodations for children with disabilities to minimize contact with others. Service providers are encouraged to provide push-in services when feasible or keep students within the same cohorts while maximizing spacing.
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Laveen's COVID Response Team is in regular contact with the Maricopa County Health department.

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 Laveen School District's decision to transition to virtual learning will be determined by the COVID Response Team in consultation with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health as outlined in the 'Safe Return to In-Person Instruction' family and staff handbooks.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs

While in virtual learning students will have work aligned to the Arizona Academic Standards. Laveen's Learning Recovery Committee has identified key strategies and support to meet our students' academic needs. These recommendations have been acted upon. A need for additional staff was also identified. In response, we have hired both certified and classified staff to provide academic support

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	to students. Student academic progress will be monitored through ongoing assessments
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Laveen School District has adopted the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum to help students make progress in emotion management. Student Support Associates have been added to each campus to support student success. The district also has 8 counselors to support student needs. The district has also entered into an agreement with Touchstone Services to provide mental health services to students and families.
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	Each campus has a dedicated health office. Free breakfast and lunch meals, along with after-school activities snacks, will be provided through our Child Nutrition department.
Staff Needs:	
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Laveen School District staff has access to various social, emotional and mental health programs such as WellStyles and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).
Other Needs	Laveen School District provides ongoing staff development and support to ensure our staff has the tools and strategies they need to be successful.

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

8/24/2021

Public Input

Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:

A public presentation on ESSER III plan and requirements was shared at the Governing Board Meeting on July 8, 2021. Public input was sought via a google form survey that was emailed out to stakeholders. The input received was reviewed and taken into account when revising the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction handbooks.