

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan 2021-22: Amity School District(as required by the ARP ESSER III Grant)

The **Amity School District (ASD)** is committed to educating all students and ensuring the *opportunity* to access their education. *Our top priority will be welcoming our students back to the building full time and nurturing caring relationships with each student.* The Amity School Board, administration, and staff believes that the best place for children to learn is in-person, in a safe and caring environment. With this belief in mind, and in collaboration with the Yamhill County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), students returned to in-person instruction in February of 2021 and the district will remain open full-time moving forward, for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. This enables students and families to return to a normal mental and emotionally healthy routine. In addition, all students including those with special needs, received all of their services in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

Face Coverings:

The District will follow state mandates requiring face coverings indoors on district property, except as allowed for by guidance. With the rise in new cases, the OHA recommends face coverings for vaccinated and unvaccinated people. This guidance will be reviewed monthly by the OHA. The district will provide face coverings to any student, staff, or visitor requesting one.

Physical Distancing:

The district will utilize a 3-foot physical distance protocol in school, when practical and necessary. Each school will develop operation protocols for daily routines to support physical distancing throughout the school day. (Restroom use, meal service, playground use, etc.)

Handwashing:

All staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to frequently wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer is provided in every classroom and office, as well as other common areas throughout the facility. Respiratory etiquette will be taught and reinforced in school.

Cleaning & Maintaining Healthy Facilities:

In addition to normal cleaning routines, each classroom will be equipped with additional cleaning supplies to allow for frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces. HVAC systems will be frequently serviced to ensure optimal air quality. The district will be pursuing the construction of additional classrooms (to allow for greater physical distancing) and improving outdoor educational spaces (to support better respiratory health).

Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine:

Visitor access to the campus is limited to scheduled visits only. Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is not permitted on school grounds. All visitors must enter through a buzzer door system at the main entries of each school building. In accordance with the protocols established by the Yamhill County Health Department & the CDC for the 2021-22 school year, student absences will be monitored and families will be provided recommendations

related to the amount of time a student should remain at home when ill. The district will follow CDC guidance for all isolation and quarantine protocols. Communicable disease policies will be posted to our website.

On-site testing:

Rapid testing will be available, with parental permission, for unvaccinated symptomatic students and staff.

Vaccination Efforts:

The Amity School District will collaborate with the Yamhill County Public Health Department to provide opportunities for voluntary vaccination for students, staff, and families.

Accommodations:

The district will provide health and safety accommodations in accordance with students' Individual Education Plans and 504 plans. The district will make every effort to collaborate with families regarding individual special needs. Various forms of communication are available to facilitate this process, including, but not limited to: email, U.S. mail, school messenger, Google Classrooms, phone calls, Google meets, and physically distanced face-to-face meetings.

Recovery Services:

The district plans to continue full in-person learning, four days a week, including full transportation services. In the event of school closure due to the pandemic, the district will revert to online learning, and each student will have access to a school-owned technology device. Staff have received, and will continue to receive as needed, training to deliver content virtually.

The district will continue to benchmark assess our students three times per year using I-ready Math and Reading and Running Records as well as other appropriate testing materials to ensure that all students K-12 are progressing as expected and interventions are made as needed.

Extra-curricular sports and clubs will resume regular schedules for 21-22.

The district will offer after school learning opportunities during the 21-22 school year, the start date will be announced in the early Fall.

A summer recovery plan was implemented in 2021 for grades K-8 and a summer credit recovery was offered for grades 9-12.

Social and Emotional and Mental Health Needs:

Amity utilizes a comprehensive Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum as well as a Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) model to support the well-being of all students. All students have access to counselors and a district therapeutic intervention coach.

Student Health:

All students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year through the USDA. If school is closed due to a pandemic, the district will assess its ability to deliver meals directly to student homes or designated pick up locations, utilizing the same process it used during the Fall and Winter of the 2020-21 school year.

This plan was created in August of 2021. The district will continue to assess and adjust procedures in accordance with state and local guidelines. The plan will be reviewed at least semi-annually. This document was posted to the website on August 23, 2021 for public access.

If you wish to make public comment or have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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