

Franklin Borough School Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2023 -2024

Franklin Borough School will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and staff by reviewing safety recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and New Jersey Board of Health.

Maintaining Health and Safety

A. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

The indoor mask mandate has been lifted at Franklin Borough School. However, any student or staff member may voluntarily wear a mask. At the recommendation of the NJ Department of Health, staff or students returning from a five-day COVID quarantine may wear a mask for days six through ten. Franklin Borough School will continue to review guidance from state and local agencies to implement protocols in the 2023-2024 school year.

B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding):

Students have returned to full in-person learning and are following a nine period class schedule. Students are in school from 7:55 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. daily. Social distancing is encouraged and promoted when and if necessary. Franklin Borough School will continue to review guidance from state and local agencies in the 2023-2024 school year.

C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Hand washing stations are installed throughout the school, and sanitizing stations are in every classroom as well as in every entryway. Franklin Borough School will continue to review guidance from state and local agencies and adhere to all protocols in the 2023-2024 school year.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

Custodians sanitize and clean the building each night after students and staff dismiss. Air conditioners are installed in every room and ventilators are monitored to ensure proper ventilation. Additionally, new windows were installed for better ventilation. Franklin Borough School will continue to review guidance from state and local agencies and adhere to all cleaning protocols in the 2023-2024 school year.

- E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments:

All contact tracing is maintained through the school health office and local Department of Health. Weekly reports are submitted to the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS). Franklin Borough School will continue to review contact tracing and quarantine guidance from state and local agencies in the 2023-2024 school year.

- F. Diagnostic and screening testing:

The School nurse completes all initial symptom screening. Further screening and testing is done at student's or staff's primary health provider.

- G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:

The district provides vaccination clinics for staff and community members. Additionally, the district provides vaccination information available at local centers and county offices to provide access to those staff and the community members still in need of a vaccination. The district will continue to provide staff with the latest health information.

- H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:

Accommodations are followed for students with disabilities according to their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and/or Individualized Health Plan (IHP).

Ensuring Continuity of Services

- A. Franklin Borough School will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, and mental health and other needs which may include student health and food services:

Franklin Borough School will review guidance from state and local agencies in the 2023-2024 school year. In addition to taking the steps to protect students' and educators' physical health, the district will consider the impact on both educators and students. District administration will oversee staff, curriculum and instruction in order to ensure continuity of services. Students will be provided with needed intervention services throughout the school year and the summer. Staff will be provided with essential professional development and social emotional support and build staff capacity to deliver highly effective instruction. Social emotional learning will be embedded in the instructional day for students and the School Social Worker, School Counselor, School Psychologist, and School Nurse will monitor students for health needs. Additionally, an outside contracted therapist will be available on-site for student therapy sessions. Food services will be available to all students in need of assistance.