



## **Safe Return To In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**

The recently passed American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides substantial federal resources to support states and local school districts, and includes a requirement that districts receiving American Rescue Plan funds must publish local “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plans”.

SunBridge Schools operated through the 2020-2021 offering a number of learning options as we adapted to evolving guidelines regarding our response to Covid-19. Our plan for the 2021-2022 school year is to remain open for in-person instruction five days a week. In order to safely stay open, the school has encouraged all eligible staff and students to be vaccinated against Covid-19. In addition to promoting vaccinations, the district will continue to follow all state and federal health and safety mandates. At the time the first version of this continuity of services plan was written (June 2021), all public health orders and the state of emergency have been lifted in the State of Ohio. Upon our return to school in August, the following health and safety protocols will be in place (subject to change based on the course of the pandemic over the summer of 2021):

1. Masks will be highly recommended for all students.
2. In classrooms, desks will continue to be spread out as much as possible.
3. Frequent hand sanitation will continue to be reinforced.
4. Buildings will continue to be disinfected according to protocols established in the 2020-2021 Return to Learn plan.
5. Quarantines will occur at the direction of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department. Covid case counts will continue to be reported according to expectations established by the State of Ohio.
6. Should there be an outbreak of Covid19 that would necessitate a temporary switch to remote learning, remote learning schedules would be established and published on the school website.

Beginning in summer 2021, planning will be underway for the allocation of ARP funds. Public input will be sought in June 2021 on the draft document. Once the plan is approved, periodic reviews of the plan will occur through the conclusion of the grant period, which is September 2024.