

## **ARP Safe Return Plan (6 month update, 5/24/24)**

### **A. Universal and correct wearing of masks**

All CDC requirements will be followed, as well as the district's standing orders from the school physician. Mask wearing will be voluntary as a general practice regardless of vaccination status. Individuals should make masking decisions based on their specific situations. All students, staff, and visitors are expected to respect the wishes of those who choose to wear masks as well as those who choose not to wear them. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying of anyone for their personal health choices will not be tolerated. Mask wearing will be recommended under the following conditions: After returning to school during days 6-10 of isolation or quarantine; When students or staff become ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while in school; During an active outbreak within a school or classroom as communicated by school health announcement; and during periods of elevated community transmission as communicated by school health announcements.

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

Administration and other faculty members will observe and monitor student movement in, out, and within the buildings. Administration or faculty will be at the doors to greet and monitor each student's physical well-being. Outdoor spaces will be marked off to allow for safe recess and safe separation of the students during outside activities. Recess will be staggered.

### **C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette**

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### **D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation**

All classrooms have (or will have ) new or updated univents. Filters are replaced according to a maintenance schedule. All classrooms have easy access to sanitation stations. Hand washing and bathroom breaks will be built into the students schedule. Will monitor restroom usage and notify maintenance for cleaning. Frequently touched areas will be disinfected frequently throughout the day. Classrooms will be disinfected during the day (when classes are empty of students) and in the evening. Lunch tables will be sanitized after every session.

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

Any student/faculty displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will follow the guidelines outlined by the Department of Health and standing orders from the district's school physician. The school nurse

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will notify the County DOH of all students/faculty sent home due to confirmed or suspected symptoms. Parents will be notified of confirmed or probable cases and asked to monitor their child's well-being. The school administration and the school nurse will assist the local DOH with contact tracing.

### **F. Diagnostic and screening testing**

Any student/faculty displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will follow the guidelines outlined by the Department of Health and standing orders from the district's school physician. Administration or faculty will be at the doors to greet and monitor each student's physical well-being. Parents will be strongly encouraged to keep students home if they are not feeling well or displaying symptoms. Policy 1648.11 The Road Forward- Health and Safety Appendices Policy 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements Faculty will continuously monitor students' wellbeing. Students who display symptoms will be sent to the nurse.

### **G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible.**

LEA will continue to work with the Department of Education and Department of Health in order to provide timely vaccination information to all district stakeholders.

### **H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies.**

Individuals that are in a CDC approved high risk category will be provided reasonable accommodations as needed to the best and most appropriate level possible by the district. Related services will continue to be supplied as per IEP plan. All CDC requirements will be followed. All equipment will be sanitized and cleaned as per the Cleanliness Manual. Our RTI program will continue to support students struggling with their academics. Faculty will have access to utilize counseling services, CST team or Administration to discuss issues and gain support. Character education will continue to be promoted in the class and district wide. Encouraging events and activities will continue to be promoted on the district website and in each school.

## **2. Ensuring Continuity of Services**

### **A. Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (1000 character limit)**

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social distance. Cleanliness procedures will occur in the cafeteria if it is used for lunch. Maschio's Plans. Every student in grades 2-8 has individual chromebooks.

### **3. Public Comment**

**A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comments into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan. (1000 character limit).**

Hardyston held a Board of Education meeting on December 13 and the Safe Reopening Plan was discussed in detail by the Chief School Administrator. The Board of Education and members of the public were able to ask questions and provide feedback. Any comments can be included in an amendment to the plan.

**B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (1000 character limit)**

Hardyston will make every effort to provide any parent with information pertaining to the Safe Reopening Plan.

**Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. (0 of 1000 maximum characters used)**

Hardyston teachers have been provided with an abundance of professional development in math and language arts intervention services. In addition, Hardyston has a staff member dedicated to helping teachers and parents with any online, technical program issue.