

LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

LEA Name: Delano Union School District

Option for ensuring safe in-person instruction and continuity of services:

☒ has developed a plan ☐ will amend its plan

1. Please choose one:

☐ The LEA had a plan, as of March 11, 2021, that is already compliant with the ARP statute and will review and, as appropriate, revise it every six months to take into consideration the additional requirements of the IFR; or

NOTE: If your LEA already has a compliant plan as of March 11, 2021, and has assured such by checking the box above, then you may skip questions 2-4 and complete the Assurance and Contact sections.

☒ The LEA has amended/created a plan compliant with the IFR using this template and has posted/will post it within 30 days of completing the ESSER III Assurances.

NOTE: If checking the box above that you are using this template to meet the 30 day plan requirements, you must respond to each question in the template.

Please note whether the LEA has a compliant plan and include a link to the plan, or acknowledge that the LEA is submitting a new plan and will post it within 30 days of receiving funds.

Delano Union School District has a compliant plan that is posted at <https://www.duesd.org/domain/510>. DUSD revised the plan effective in February 2023.

2. The LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff, and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the CDC's safety recommendations, including: universal and correct wearing of masks; modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing; handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments; diagnostic and screening testing; efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and coordination with State and local health officials.

Describe how the LEA will maintain, or continue to maintain, health and safety policies and procedures. Include a description of any adopted policies and procedures regarding the CDC's safety recommendations (or available LEA website links to such policies). Include descriptions of appropriate accommodations adopted and coordination efforts conducted with outside State and local health officials. Please include or describe current public health conditions, applicable State and local rules and restrictions, and other contemporaneous information that informs your decision-making process.

As required by Cal-OSHA, Delano Union School District has adopted a COVID-19 Prevention Plan ("CPP") based on the revised template issued by Cal-OSHA in February 2023. This CPP is attached and hereby incorporated into this ESSER III Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

On 9-30-22, the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") updated the K-12 Guidelines. On 10-5-22, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") updated the Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. Delano Union School District will continue to adhere to CDC and CDPH guidance and guidelines, and shall continue to establish and enforce local policies, regulations, and procedures accordingly.

3. 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.

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services in case isolation, quarantine, or future school closures are required, including how the LEA will meet the needs of students with disabilities and English learners.

In the event that future school closures are required, Delano Union School District will implement distance learning for all impacted students, consistent with board policies, administrative regulations, and negotiated agreements, in order to maintain continuity of services for all students. DUSD conducted distance learning from March 2020 to June 2021, and the resources, equipment, and training exist to implement distance learning on short notice for impacted school sites. During the period of closure, students with disabilities and English learners will receive in-person instruction at alternative locations through a cohort model, to the extent this can be accomplished consistent with the health and safety needs of students and staff.

4. The LEA sought public comments in the development of its plan and took those comments into account in the development of its plan.

Describe the LEA's policy or practice that provided the public with an opportunity to provide comments and feedback and the collection process. Describe how any feedback was incorporated into the development of the plan.

Plan draft posted on the District website on February 24, 2023. Public Hearing notice published in Bakersfield Californian on February 27, 2023, notifying parents of opportunity to access plan and provide input. The adoption of this plan was included as an agenda item for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 13, 2023; the public had an opportunity to address the plan during public comments. Constituent elements of the plan, including the COVID-19 Prevention Plan and the policies, regulations, and agreements incorporated therein, were developed/adopted with direct participation from employee representatives and/or with opportunities for public comment at regularly scheduled board meetings. The District Employee Safety Committee includes representatives from both the certificated and classified bargaining units, and is responsible for developing and maintaining the Illness and Injury Prevention Plan, COVID-19 Prevention Plan, and Respiratory Prevention Plan (reviewed and adopted by the Board of Trustees, with opportunities for public comment).

In addition, the LEA provides the following assurances:

■ The LEA has made (in the case of statutorily compliant plans) or will make (in the case of new plans) its plan publicly available no later than 30 days after receiving its ARP ESSER allocation.

- Please insert link to the plan:

<https://www.duesd.org/domain/510>

■ The LEA sought public comment in the development of its plan and took those public comments into account in the development of its plan.

■ The LEA will periodically review and, as appropriate revise its plan, at least every six months.

■ The LEA will seek public comment in determining whether to revise its plan and, if it determines revisions are necessary, on the revisions it makes to the plan.

- If the LEA revises its plan, it will ensure its revised plan addresses each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), or if the CDC has revised its guidance, the updated safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan.
- The LEA has created its plan in an understandable and uniform format.
- The LEA's plan is, to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand, or if not practicable, orally translated.
- The LEA will, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provide the plan in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

The following person or persons is/are the appropriate contact person for any questions or concerns about the aforementioned plan.

Please list name(s), title(s), address, county, and contact information for the person or persons responsible for developing, submitting, and amending the LEA plan.

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