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## **SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION**

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(1) IN GENERAL - A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency's website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d)(1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

2) COMMENT PERIOD. Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

*For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.*

### **LEA Response Table**

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

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The Burch Charter School of Excellence will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state and local governmental, educational and health department guidance with regard to the wearing of masks. Currently there is no executive order in effect which makes the wearing of masks in schools mandatory. Should mandatory face coverings, district wide or for a particular group, be required, the school community will be notified as soon as practicable. Exceptions to the mandatory requirement as allowed in applicable guidance, will be permitted. These exceptions, if any, will be communicated to the school community.

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

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Burch Charter School of Excellence will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state and local governmental and health department guidance with regard to physical distancing. At this time there is no

requirement to utilize cohorts or other strategies to maintain physical distance between individuals.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

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Burch Charter School will prepare and maintain hand sanitizing stations with alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol) or other approved sanitizers, when and where appropriate.? Children ages five and younger will be supervised when using hand sanitizer.? Schools will continue to use diagrams to depict hand washing practices and students will be reminded of those practices.? The district will teach and reinforce covering coughs and sneezes to help keep individuals from getting and spreading infectious diseases.? The implementation of the curriculum for physical education and fine, visual and performing arts classes will continue to be revised to comply with applicable health department guidance, if necessary.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

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Burch Charter School of Excellence will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state and local governmental and health department guidance with regard to maintaining healthy facilities, including guidance regarding ventilation.? The district is prepared with supplies for the 2023-2024 school year including supplies necessary to sanitize appropriately.? The district will continue to clean and maintain schools and district buildings to provide a safe learning environment for staff and students.3 Daily Bathroom Cleaning Procedure? Check Bathrooms routinely throughout the day? Sign checklist after each inspection? Each Checklist must include signature, date, and time inspected? Inspect sinks & toilets? Ensure soap and paper towels are readily available? Wipe down handles, faucets, and high contact surfaces? Clean Toilets and sink areas Daily Classroom Procedure? Alcohol wipes available in classrooms for surface wipe down for students & staff? Hand Sanitizer

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

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In collaboration, the district will follow any applicable Federal, state and local governmental and health department guidance with regard to contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine. Principals will routinely remind their student families to keep children who are feeling ill at home. Additionally,

absence reporting procedures are reviewed by the building principal typically at the beginning of the school year. Students and staff who are ill and seen by the school nurse may be sent home per the guidelines for illness located on the district website. Certain communicable illnesses may require a note from a health care provider for the student or staff member to return to the school building following an illness. Typically, exposure to an illness will not prevent a person who has no symptoms from entering a district school or office building.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

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Burch Charter School of Excellence will: ? continue to follow the applicable Federal, state and local governmental and health department guidance with regard to diagnostic and screening testing? make symptomatic staff and the families of symptomatic students aware of any recommendations for individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease? continue to provide information about diagnostic testing sites to symptomatic staff and the families of symptomatic students. Should screening testing, district wide or for a particular group, be required, the school community will be notified as soon as practicable.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

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The district will promote equitable access to vaccination and inform the school community of the importance of staying up to date on routine vaccinations to prevent illness from many different infections by: providing information about vaccination opportunities from trusted partners.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

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Burch Charter School will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state and local governmental and health department guidance with regard to appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.



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## **Safe Return Plan Updated**

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**Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.**

Date Plan Updated **12/11/2023**

Describe how 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. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

All adjustments to protocol are made based on mandates by the New Jersey Department of Education, Department of Health, and guidance by the Center for Disease Control in the following area:  
Academic Needs  
The district is fully engaged in using the accelerated learning process to access our programs as recommended by the NJDOE. Curriculum is reviewed and essential aspects remain paramount to the core instruction of each grade level. Student data is at the center of all decision-making.  
School-based IEPs, students with 504 plans, and I&RS teams will review student data/student progress to determine whether critical skills were lost during remote instruction and determine the need for additional supports/services to address learning loss. All I&RS, 504, and IEP meetings will be held virtually via Zoom for parents to attend. All I&RS and 504 intervention. Counselors visit classrooms regularly to deliver the District's SEL curriculum. A universal screener is utilized in grades K-6.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Burch Charter School regularly convene taskforce committees to discuss re-opening and closure procedures. The Taskforce presents parents and staff with surveys to assist in the decision making on how to proceed with recommendation. This work is informed by parents, staff members and the Board of Trustees.

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. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Burch Charter School of Excellence has a comprehensive website filled with all information related to our Safe Return Plan. This site began in March 2020 and continues to this day. At this time, any and all communication related to our plans are uploaded to a site that translates and accommodates for those with disabilities. Furthermore, building administration and Central Office administration are prepared to provide immediate assistance, as needed.

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

The district provides our support staff with professional development opportunities to ensure scholars, parents and staff are provided accurate information to deal, cope, and understand the new world that they live in. Ongoing training are provided at site to enable staff members have easy access to information.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

[https://burchcharterschool.org/images/PDF/ARP\\_Safe\\_Return\\_to\\_In-Person\\_Instruction\\_and\\_Continuity\\_of](https://burchcharterschool.org/images/PDF/ARP_Safe_Return_to_In-Person_Instruction_and_Continuity_of)

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

Timothy Simmons