

Leslie Public Schools
Return to In-Person Instruction &
Continuity of Services Plan
January 2025

Under the American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ARP: ESSER III) local districts are required to develop and maintain a Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. This plan outlines and details the district’s plan for a safe return to, or maintenance of, in-person instruction and must include information regarding the district’s implementation of the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC’s) most current guidance at the time of development.

Leslie Public Schools deeply values in-person instruction and has implemented the practices detailed below in order to maintain the in-person learning environment.

The District may make adjustments to this plan in response to information learned regarding current and future variants of COVID-19 or other communicable disease and transmission rates in individual buildings, across the district, or if the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, or death increases. If such adjustments are needed, the plan will be shared again for public input. The plan will also be reviewed every six months during the life of the ARP ESSER III grant and updates will be completed if needed. The plan will be shared for public input during those intervals as well.

The district will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

Instructional Services	
Continuity of Instructional Services	<p>Elementary (Grades PK - 4): Elementary students attend school five full days in-person (Monday - Friday). This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Middle School (Grades 5 - 8): Middle school students attend school five full days in-person (Monday - Friday). This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>High School (Grades 9 - 12): High School students attend school five full days in-person (Monday - Friday). This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.</p>
Health and Safety Protocols	
COVID-19 Testing	Testing will not be required, test kits may be offered to families if provided by the State. Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local, state or federal agency and/or a sanctioning body.
Cohorting	Mixing of student groups will be permitted. The District may consider temporarily restricting mixing of student groups where feasible as deemed necessary based on the local conditions.
Face Coverings (Masks)	The District will follow the Ingham County Health Department mandates in regard to masking.

Facilities: Cleaning, Disinfecting, Ventilation	The District will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and/or disinfection procedures within a classroom, school, or across the district will be implemented as needed based on local conditions.
Food Services	Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be implemented as required by the Ingham County Health Department.
Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette	Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are encouraged and expected. Supplies, including hand sanitizer, will be maintained in order to facilitate proper hand hygiene.
Health Screening & Student Illness	Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring the health and wellness of their child(ren) to ensure students are well enough to attend school. Students should not attend school when they are ill. Parents/guardians should follow medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases. The District will follow all Ingham County Health Department mandates.
Isolation & Quarantine	The District will follow current mandates/orders from federal, state, or local health agencies. In the absence of health department orders, the District encourages parents/guardians to follow current medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases.
Vaccinations	The District does not require staff or students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. OCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person.