

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

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This plan describes how the Tomorrow Center School will maintain the health and safety of students and school staff during the 2021-2022 school year while also addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Purpose

- ▶ The American Rescue Plan provides federal resources to support states and local school districts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ All Ohio school districts receiving federal American Rescue Plan funds must publish a “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.” The plan must be posted on the district website and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education by June 24, 2021.

District Policies for Incorporating Mitigation Strategies

- ▶ Throughout the pandemic and return to in-person instruction, the Tomorrow Center have adopted and updated public health guidance on distancing, masks, cleaning/sanitizing, hand hygiene, and ventilation to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our school community.
- ▶ The district consults all relevant operational strategies for K-12 schools published by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the Ohio Department Health, the Ohio Department of Education and the Morrow County Board of Health, including the [CDC K-12 Schools COVID-19 Mitigation Toolkit](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html) (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html)
- ▶ Public health best practices for mitigating the spread of COVID- 19 are also included in district policy 9.42 Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events: <https://www.pepple-waggoner.com/policies/the-tomorrow-center/>

Return to In Person Instruction

- ▶ The Tomorrow Center School families were provided two options to return their students to in-person learning during the 2020-2021 school year: at the start of the school year or at any point during the school year, if the student wanted to return to in person learning they chose to do so, or remain on the online option.
- ▶ The Tomorrow Center Schools families were provided the choice to return their students to school in-person learning with the blended learning option for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.
- ▶ The incorporation of evolving public health guidance into district operations, together with coordinated and well-publicized staff and student vaccination efforts, are providing the safest possible environments at the Tomorrow Center for students during the pandemic.

Plans to Address Continuity of Academic and Non-Academic Services

- ▶ Throughout the 2020-21 school year, the district created and updated safe return to school plans outlining recommended public health protocols based on the community health conditions at the time:
 - ▶ [Should you send your child to school?](#)
 - ▶ [Reopening Plan with Morrow County Health Department Guidance](#)
 - ▶ [Continuity of Service Plan, American Recovery Plan](#)
- ▶ Additional updates regarding Continuity of Academic and Non-Academic Services were sent to all district families and staff. All were posted on the district home page at www.thetomorrowcenter.org.
- ▶ Extended School year
 - ▶ 2020-21
 - ▶ 2021-22
 - ▶ Future years TBD

Periodic Review

- ▶ The district administrative team will continue to review all new public health guidance issued by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education and Morrow County Board of Health.
- ▶ District administrators will continue to consult and collaborate with public health experts and other area school districts to ensure the most up-to-date guidance is being considered and applied.
- ▶ Additional updates to operating protocols and procedures will be made in real-time as changes in conditions and recommendations warrant.

Public Input

- ▶ The district plans for a safe return to school were all detailed at the Tomorrow Center Board of Education public meetings.
- ▶ Families, staff and the community received all plans through direct communication via email/All Call.
- ▶ Families, staff and the community received weekly updates reporting on current COVID-related conditions in the school community as well as updates to plans and operating procedures.
- ▶ All plans are posted on the district website at www.thetomorrowcenter.org
- ▶ Input from district stakeholders is solicited and encouraged continuously. Questions and feedback is provided to the email box jbyrne@thetomorrowcenter.org
- ▶ Frequently Asked Questions and Answers are posted on the district website at Reopening Plan with Morrow County Health Department