

VERONA TOWNSHIP S/D #1F

Verona Mills School

Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan February 2024

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.

Verona Mills School 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 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	Elementary (Grades K-5) and Middle School (Grades 6-8): In-person instruction will occur for all students five full days each week. This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year unless remote instruction is required by the health department due to outbreaks or to control in-school spread.

Health and Safety Protocols	
COVID-19 Testing	Testing will not be required but test kits may be offered to families if provided by the State.
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)	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors may wish to wear a face covering regardless of the current level of community transmission and are supported in doing so. The District will abide by all law, lawfully executed orders, regulations, etc. pertaining to facial coverings.
Facilities: Cleaning, Disinfecting, Ventilation	The District will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and/or disinfection procedures within a classroom or school building will be implemented as needed based on local conditions. The District will utilize air purifiers to improve air quality in the school building.
Food Services	Normal lunch time procedures will occur.
Hand Hygiene & 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 Illnesses	Parents/guardians are encouraged to conduct a daily wellness check to ensure students are well enough to attend school. Students should not be sent to school when they are ill. A child who has had a fever or is vomiting cannot return to school until they are healthy for 24 hours. Parents/guardians should follow medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases.
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.