

Gates School ESSER III Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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1. Description of maintaining health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff; generally if/how policies and practices are based on CDC safety recommendations:	In an effort to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff, Gates School adheres to all CDC and DHEC Covid safety guidelines (as operational capacity allows).
2. Universal and correct wearing of masks:	Mask wearing for students and staff is optional unless otherwise recommended by CDC/DHEC. Additionally, Gates School reserves the right to implement mandatory mask wearing if community infection rates and/or operational capabilities warrant the change
3. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Class sizes will be limited to 16 students to allow for proper social distancing. Additionally, other measures such as co-horting, designated seating, etc. will be used as needed.
4. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:	Students are asked to wash their hands several times throughout the school day (particularly before and after lunch). Hand-sanitizing stations are placed throughout the school building.
5. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:	Gates contracts with cleaning professionals to ensure facility cleanliness on a daily basis.
6. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine:	The school Admin Team will track transmission and quarantine students based on CDC/DHEC guidelines.
7. Diagnostic and screening testing:	The school Admin Team will screen any students who present with COVID-like symptoms
8. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:	The school Admin Team will work with Erskine and local officials to coordinate offering vaccinations for students, staff, and educators who are eligible (if available).
9. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices:	Gates School has established policies and procedures to ensure all students receive appropriate instruction, support services, special education services, and related services that are required in a typical school setting. When students transfer to Gates School, the Principal and SPED Coordinator will review student records to ensure continuity of all services. Gates School will follow federal guidelines and adopt the policies and procedures for students with disabilities. Gates School will adhere to 504 and ADA concerning persons with disabilities and

	accommodations. Any child with health issues will be afforded accommodations once the issue has been brought to administration via referral from parents or teachers.
10. Coordination with state and local health officials:	The school Admin Team will stay in regular contact with state and local health officials to ensure Gates School stays informed of all updates to CDC , state and local guidelines.
11. Response on continuity of services	If it becomes necessary to close school due to Covid, Gates School will transition into a virtual online model. Every student will have access to a Chromebook and we will utilize online learning platforms to conduct regular synchronous and asynchronous instruction.
12. Response on ensuring periodic updates to plan	Gates School will post our Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan to the school website and ask for public input every 6 months (typically June & January each year). Once the public comment period has ended, the Gates School Administration team will review and evaluate the public feedback we receive and revise our plan accordingly.
13. Response on public input in development of plan	Gates School will post our Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan to the school website, social media and parent newsletter and ask for public input every 6 months (typically June & January each year).