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 VALLEY
 REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
 - Passaic

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SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

(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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Passaic Valley will follow the protocols set forth by the CDC as they pertain to the wearing of masks. This includes prior to boarding the school bus, while on the bus and until the bus is completely empty. Accommodations for heat, outdoor activities and vaccinated individuals will follow CDC, NJDOH, and Updated COVID-19 Standards Child Care Centers, and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools.

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

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Social distancing practices in all instructional and non-instructional spaces will be maintained to ensure the health and safety of students and staff at Passaic Valley Regional. Student desks and seating in classrooms, cafeterias, multi-purpose rooms, school buses and other spaces will be separated by at least three (3) up to six (6) feet to the maximum extent practicable. Other modifications will manipulating desks and chairs in each classroom to allow for proper social distancing.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

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Passaic Valley Regional will promote behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19 including requiring staff and students to stay home when appropriate; encouraging the practice of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette; requiring the use of face coverings as mandated; and signs and messages in and around school buildings. Schools will prepare and maintain hand-sanitizing stations with alcohol-based hand sanitizers that will be located in various areas in the building. Common areas such as hallways, classrooms and gymnasiums will be sprayed periodically. Appropriate signage and messages will be placed throughout the schools reminding students and staff about frequent hand washing and respiratory etiquette. The district will follow CDC, NJDOH, and Updated COVID-19 Standards for Child Care Centers, and COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

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Schools will continue to adhere to existing enhanced facilities cleaning practices and procedures, and any new specific requirements of the local health department as they arise. All indoor facilities will have adequate ventilation, including operational heating and ventilation systems where appropriate. If air conditioning is not provided, then windows will be opened when possible. A/C units will be maintained and changed, and AC filters will be changed according to manufacturer recommendations. Bathrooms will be sanitized on a regular schedule.

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

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Schools will closely monitor Daily COVID Symptom Screening reports from both staff and students. Procedures for isolation and quarantine will continue as in the 2020-2021 NJDOH guidance. School Nurses will work collaboratively with the Local Health Department, reporting cases and contacts as required. District administrators will notify affected students, staff, and community members of the need to isolate and/or quarantine as directed by the school nurse and Local Health Department. Alternative instructional options following district home instruction policies will ensure continuity of instruction for quarantining students.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

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School Nurses will continue to monitor Daily COVID Symptom Screening reports from both staff and students. Staff or parents of students who have not completed the daily screening will be excluded from school until screening is complete. In consultation with the Local Health Department, we have concluded that contact tracing is an effective and efficient means of tracking COVID-19 cases and has mitigated in school spread.

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

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Passaic Valley Regional continues to work collaboratively with the Local Health Department to provide vaccinations to staff, community members and eligible students. Passaic Valley Regional has also collaborated with the Little Falls ShopRite to publicize vaccination availability throughout Little Falls, Totowa and Woodland Park.

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

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Student IEP and 504 plans will be adjusted as needed. Behaviorists and counselors will provide necessary intervention and resources including trauma informed compassionate classroom, nurtured heart and virtual calming room resources for students and staff will be employed.

