

Focus Learning Academy of Northern & Central Columbus

American Rescue Plan:

Safe Return to In-person instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Our Guiding Principles

❑ National, state and local public health officials make health decisions

Based on the Franklin County (FC) and the State of Ohio's published risk levels, Focus Schools will adjust schedules accordingly

❑ Safety and security precautions take priority in educational planning

We will take great care to protect our community, remedy and respond to challenges that arise. We will thrive to recover expeditiously and resume serving our community

❑ Equitable access for all students

We will create multiple platforms and points of access for students to support a healthy learning environment

❑ Communication and transparency

We will keep our community and the public informed of our reopening plans, and any updates to educational models in order to foster trust and resilience.

Masks - Social Distancing- Hand Sanitizing/Washing - Health Screening

As the 2021-2022 School Year starts we must not forget the way we were able to continuously provide for our students and their families during the past school year. Outlined below are how we will integrate our current plan to fit with the new model.

With the Governor's announcement that health orders were lifted effective June 2, we've been discussing how this will affect our summer programs. At this time, we do not intend to continue requiring facial coverings for staff, students, or visitors. The wearing of masks while attending summer camps and programs is encouraged, but will be optional. Masks remain the best protection for anyone who is not vaccinated.

Health officials have stressed that even though mask orders are being lifted, the state will still require unvaccinated individuals testing positive for COVID-19, or anyone who is unvaccinated and confirmed to be a close contact, to follow quarantine protocols.

What that means for our summer programs:

People who are fully vaccinated and have remained asymptomatic since being exposed are not required to quarantine or be tested. However, they should still monitor their health for 14 days following the exposure and follow recommended isolation protocols if COVID-19 symptoms develop.

For unvaccinated adults and children without symptoms, modified quarantine procedures may still allow them to continue attending in-person programs if approved by the Local County Health Department.

We ask that you do not send your child to any summer program at FLANC/FLACC if they are sick or not feeling well.

Students who are experiencing any of the following symptoms should not attend our summer programs:

Fever or chills (please take temperature before arriving)

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

Focus Learning Academy of Northern & Central Columbus will return to school in full strength the 2021-2022 School Year and will no longer adjust student schedules based on the Franklin County Risk Levels.

Health Screening - School Health Workers will continue to do health screenings of students and staff as they enter the building. The school isolation room will be used to hold any students or staff that are displaying COVID-19 symptoms. These individuals will be immediately provided a mask to help mitigate the risk of exposure.

- Our Local Health Team will continue to use contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, and local health departments.

Masks - Only to be worn by students and staff that are actively ill while at school. It will be recommended that Unvaccinated adults continue to wear a mask while indoors and within 6 ft of other individuals, but the wearing of masks by everyone will be optional.

Social Distancing - guidelines will be limited at two feet separation when possible, in circumstances that allow for more than two feet of distance between individuals that option would be preferred.

Hand Sanitizing/Washing - Protocols will remain the same as the previous school year. All hand sanitizers that were installed in classrooms, hallways, school busses will continue to be used daily. Proper hand washing technique will be taught to all students.

- FLANC/FLACC will continue using high grade sanitizing cleaners for high touch surfaces as well as using our micro particle fog device to fully sanitize the entire building.

Academic Needs - All students will be given extra opportunities to learn during the 2021-2022 school year. Summer programs, After school tutoring, Saturday tutoring, as well as online instruction.

- Summer School Classes open June 15th - July 1st
- Our School year starts July 26th 2021. Giving our students an even earlier start to help catch them up.
- Our school wide RTI model will provide individualized learning time and differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every student.

Emotional & Mental Health Needs -

- Focus Learning Academy of Northern and Central Columbus will provide student counseling services as well as recommendations for adult services.
- Weekly Wellness meetings/events will give adult staff positive support and encouragement, as well as providing an outlet to speak out about dealing with work related stress.

1. Focus Learning Academy of Northern and Central Columbus will review the ARP twice during the 2021-2022 school year. Once during the winter break and again in the months of May and June. Input is collected from local stakeholders, parents, students, teachers, local health team, the department of health, and the BLT to help make revisions if they are necessary.

2. **Federal Reporting.** When LEAs submit the application to the Ohio Department of Education for ARP funding, it will include an assurance that the LEA will have a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan posted on its website by June 24, 2021. The assurance also requires the LEA to periodically review the plan with its stakeholders.

Public reporting. In addition to the requirement that districts publicly post the continuity of service plans, the Ohio Department of Education will collect the website addresses for those plans and post them to the Ohio Department of Education website.