Warren Glen Academy

Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services via Virtual and Remote Instruction as necessary

LEA Name: Warren Glen Academy

Updated 07/08/2024 w/Virtual and Remote Instruction components

1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), 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.

In the event of a necessary and mandatory health emergency, this plan will be used as a guideline until further instruction is received from the authoritative agency in charge.

- A. <u>Universal and correct wearing of masks</u>
 - Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, we will reinforce the use of masks and the proper wearing of masks for staff, students, and visitors, as outlined in the in previous correspondence, this will be implemented as our daily routine until alternative direction is received.
- B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)
 Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health
 Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, we continue to reinforce the social distancing within the classroom, hallways, and common areas. Barriers will be provided where small group or one-on-one instruction is taking place.
- C. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>
 Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health
 Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, we continue to sanitize common areas and surfaces, use hand sanitizer and wash hands regularly, spray disinfectant, and use ultra-violet light. Two large exhaust fans run throughout the day pulling fresh air through the classrooms, hallways, and building.
- D. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

 Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, we continue to monitor temperatures, visual signs of illness and contact with families pertaining health related issues. A separate room and nurses office remain available for students/adults displaying signs of illness. The Warren County Health Department is notified of persons who have become ill and tested positive for COVID and they follow through on tracing while we formulate a list of persons in close contact here at the

school and provide that information to the health department. We encourage a 10 day removal for a negative COVID test and 14 days with a positive test with another test required before returning to the building.

- E. Diagnostic and screening testing
 - See response above. This is handled by medical professionals and when required, by our school nurse to assist.
- F. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, in cooperation with the Warren County Health Department and our school nurse information about vaccine locations are shared with staff and families.
- G. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, we provide accommodations, long term or short term, based upon the child's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) and that of the conditional recommendation by the child's medical professional. Our school doctor may be consulted on such a matter.

2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

A. <u>Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.</u>

Following our protocol essentials derived from the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, we continue to provide our instructional program "as normal" and as consistent as possible. We have not wavered from this concept except in the matter of detected COVID cases where school required to be closed for a short time and cleaning protocols enacted. During that time, all students received distance learning instruction, counselling, and support. If an outbreak occurs again, this process can easily be restructured.

3. Public Comment

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan.

Public comments have been received throughout the COVID 2020 outbreak to the present day through discussions and remarks received. Board of Trustees meetings are held monthly where further comments can be received and addressed.

B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a

parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

Following the CDC, NJDOE, Warren County Health Department and our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan we have made our plan as simple as possible to follow the guidelines from step to step. Correspondence is distributed to further enhance the guidelines/protocol developed. Currently we have no families that require special arrangements for written, or spoken materials, to be translated. If so, we have staff who can translate materials.

Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs in the need of school closure for three consecutive days or more.

The plan outlines how virtual or remote instruction will be provided to students who may not have access to sufficient broadband, or to any technology required for virtual or remote instruction. Ensuring continuity of learning is critically important during extended closings.

- The Warren Glen Academy will continue to meet obligations to students with disabilities to the
 greatest extent possible for the mandated 180 day school year. Specific strategies and
 considerations for students with disabilities are critical points of review for our continuation of
 academic program process.
- The Warren Glen Academy will assist you if you do not have access to a device and internet connectivity. The provision of technology, or, alternatively, in-person instruction, or packets to students that are otherwise without access include phone, text, email, Zoom when possible.
- The Warren Glen Academy in planning the continuation of curriculum, instruction, and assessment during virtual learning, focus' on building staff capacity to deliver highly effective instruction to address any learning gaps that might prevent students from meeting grade-level New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).

The plan address' the impact of virtual or remote instruction on the lunch and school breakfast program. The Warren Glen Academy does not offer a breakfast program. If the Department of Agriculture reinstates their position of FREE lunch for all students, we will comply. Regardless of a child qualifying for free and/or reduced lunch or not, the Maschio's Food Service will provide a bagged lunch for all students. Lunch will be provided at the Warren Glen Academy for pick-up only at the lower parking lot door at 11:45 a.m. There is no need for you to call each day since this will be a predetermined bagged type lunch and available each day. We will need to know in advance if a child will be participating in this program by calling 908-995-1999 ext. 101.

The plan contains the required length of virtual or remote instruction day.

The state required minimum is 4 hours per day of instruction. Your child's schedule will be developed, implemented and communicated through your child's teachers as it was during the COVID pandemic.

Plan posted on LEA website.

This plan is posted on our website main page at: www.warrenglenacademy.com

APSSD plan shared with all sending districts?

Yes. This plan was made available to each case manager of the sending districts to Warren Glen Academy.

Board Approval Date:

Anticipated: September 19, 2024