



## GEHRHSD Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

**LEA Name:** *Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District (GEHRHSD)*

**Date:** *06/21/21*

**Date Revised:** *N/A*

### 1. Maintaining Health and Safety

#### *A. Universal and correct wearing of masks*

GEHRHSD will continue to adhere to all recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health as it relates to the wearing of masks. For the 2021/22 school year, we will follow guidance that is in place at that time, and as such, we cannot specify at the time of submission of this document what our exact procedure(s) will be. GEHRHSD has required the proper wearing of masks for all staff, students, and visitors to our facilities during the 2020/21 school year, and at no point in time did we advance or accept practices that failed to meet the recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health.

#### *B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)*

GEHRHSD will continue to adhere to all recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health as it relates to physical distancing, to the greatest extent practicable. For the 2021/22 school year, we will follow guidance that is in place at that time, and as such, we cannot specify at the time of submission of this document what our exact procedure(s) will be. GEHRHSD will create “pods” as/if required for athletics and other non-classroom events/programs, and we will continue to monitor numbers in locations such as bathrooms and offices. Physical distancing signage will be visible throughout the schools and regular reminders through emails and social media will be communicated to students, parents/guardians, and visitors.

#### *C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette*

GEHRHSD will continue to adhere to all recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health as it relates to handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Each classroom contains a package of wipes for students to clean their desks and common surfaces, hand-sanitizer stations have been located throughout the buildings in hallways, offices, and common-areas, and signage in bathrooms and common areas provides both reminders and recommendations for proper care.

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#### *D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation*

GEHRHSD will continue to utilize a structured program for the cleaning of all areas of our buildings. All cafeteria tables and chairs are cleaned after each lunch period, and electrostatic sprayers were purchased for the district to facilitate daily cleaning. Flat surfaces are wiped down and sanitized daily, and high contact areas (such as door handles) are cleaned multiple times throughout the school day. Air-purifiers will be available in classrooms that do not have outside windows, and UV-light purifiers will be utilized in our weight-rooms and some other physical-education spaces. In addition, student-bathroom occupancy is limited through hall monitors and classroom requirements.

#### *E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments*

GEHRHSD will continue to adhere to all recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health as it relates to Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantining. To the greatest extent practicable, our schools will work in conjunction with and satisfy requests from health agencies involved in Contact Tracing, and we will continue to seek parent/guardian involvement/assistance in the process. All protocols and procedures for the 2021/22 school year will be based upon guidance in place at that time; as such, we cannot specify at the time of submission of this document what our exact protocols and procedures regarding Isolation and Quarantining may be.

#### *F. Diagnostic and screening testing*

GEHRHSD will continue to adhere to all recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health as it relates to Diagnostic, Screening, and Testing. Documentation will be provided to all staff, students, and parents/guardians at the beginning of the 2021/22 school year identifying symptoms and steps to be taken if symptoms are identified, or a known exposure to a Covid-positive individual exists. School Nurses will be listed as available resources for staff, student, and parent questions, their contact info will be available on all District websites. The District will maintain a list of locations where staff and students can be tested for Covid, and refer to such upon need.

#### *G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible*

GEHRHSD hosted Vaccination events for students (in conjunction with AtlantiCare) during May of the 2021/22 school year. Additionally, GEHRHSD created a list of every Pharmacy within our district that offers free Vaccinations (including phone numbers and digital links), plus links to the "Free Ride" programs offered through Uber and Lyft, and sent that list to every family in our District, and posted the list on our websites. GEHRHSD is committed to again partner with AtlantiCare (if they receive a grant they have applied for) to host Community Vaccination Clinics in our schools, open to all individuals aged 12 years and older who reside within our District. GEHRHSD will continue to provide



Vaccination updates to all employees and District families as information is made available through either the AC/NJ Departments of Health and/or private businesses.

#### *H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies*

GEHRHSD will continue to adhere to all recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Education, and the AC/NJ Departments of Health as it relates to students who require accommodations. CSTs will review IEPs, Guidance will review 504s Plans, and School Nurses will identify and provide guidance on students who may have other health concerns that may be impacted by Covid or Covid-related issues. GEHRHSD will utilize our School Physician for questions or concerns related to compliance or exemptions with recommendations and/or guidance, and will work to the greatest extent practicable to satisfy student and/or parent concerns and requests.

## **2. Ensuring Continuity of Services**

#### *A. 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. (1000 character limit)*

GEHRHSD will be utilizing data from our Progress Assessments (Formative Assessments given, one per trimester in each course) during both the 2020/21 and 2021/22 school years, data culled from the New Jersey Start Strong Testing Program scheduled for the fall of the 2021/22 school year, and monitoring "end of year" attendance for the 2020/21 school year (to identify at-risk students moving forward) and we have revamped our internal attendance protocols and procedures for the 2021/22 school year to increase communications between our schools and families, with a heightened focus on connecting families with our available services. Additionally, no less than *five* different academic programs are being offered to students at no cost during the summer of 2021 to address academic deficiencies and/or needs, and no cost tutoring will be available to all students across content areas after school (with evening hours for core contents), for the 2021/22 and 2022/23. GEHRHSD will continue to provide a dedicated School Support Counselor (either an LCSW or LPC) in each of our schools, in addition to our Guidance Departments and CSTs, to address mental health, addiction, and/or individual therapy needs. Each school will have a fully-trained (County DoE program) Resiliency Team to monitor staff and student social and emotional needs, and all certificated staff will receive Resilience and Mindfulness Training as part of our Professional Development Program for the 2021/22 school year. In addition to the Free Breakfast and Lunch programs designated for all students, GEHRHSD will continue to offer no-cost pick-up and delivery of meals on Mondays and Thursday for all school-aged children living within our District.

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### 3. Public Comment

*A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comments 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. (1000 character limit)*

GEHRHSD held three “Building Pandemic Response Team” meetings, one in each of our three high schools. Our Building Pandemic Response Teams consist of certificated staff, non-certificated staff, and parents of current students. GEHRHSD also discussed the *GEHRHSD Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services* during the public session of our June 7, 2021 Board meeting. Comment was solicited from both Board of Education members and the audience. GEHRHSD listed this plan as an independent agenda item on our June 21 Board of Education agenda and clearly identified it as an item to be approved by our Board of Education. GEHRHSD satisfies all requirements regarding the public posting of our agenda, and corresponding minutes.

*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. (1000 character limit)*

GEHRHSD will post the Safe Return Plan in both English and Spanish on each of our school’s websites and our District website. We will send an email with a PDF version to all families after the Plan is approved by our Board of Education. We are crafting the Plan using plain, non-professional language so it is clear to read and easy to understand. Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability will be provided an alternate format specific to their needs.