

Lake and Peninsula School District
American Rescue Plan Act
Mitigation Plan



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Assurance Agreement for ARP Act Mitigation Plan

The district assures either:

- a) It will, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER funds, develop and make publicly available on the district's website a mitigation plan for the safe return and/or continuation of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP and in the U.S. Department of Education's [Interim Final Requirements](#), **or**
- b) It developed and made publicly available on the district's website such a mitigation plan that meets statutory requirements before the enactment of the ARP Act that meets - federal requirements. (The ARP Act was enacted on March 11, 2021)

The district assures that:

- a) It will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023); and
- b) It will seek public input, and take such input into account, on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the mitigation plan.

Before making the mitigation plan publicly available, the district **must seek public comment on the mitigation plan** and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Name of Superintendent: Ty Mase

Signature: _____

Date: 6-18-21



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GENERAL COMPONENTS of LPSD's Mitigation Plan

Below are recommendations we advise all citizens within the Lake and Peninsula Borough to follow to help minimize the risk of COVID-19 and allow schools to stay open.....

- Wash your hands often
- Wear a mask when around others
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when possible
- Keep your interactions and circles small when possible.
- Even for mild symptoms get tested.

At this time the Lake and Peninsula School District does not mandate the general use of masks, but does encourage all of staff and students to do their part to limit the spread of COVID-19. Masks will be required for Kitchen Staff, Staff performing morning screening, District Activity Travel, and when designated by the Village Covid Advisory Committee, or by the School Principal.

LPSD's perspective is to work from CDC recommendations as much as possible. The District will support and comply with all village mandates.

Individual Communities do have the ability to strengthen the requirements/recommendations. It shall be the responsibility of the Village Covid Advisory Committee to provide, in writing, those requirements.

Should a situation arise where a community is designated yellow or red requirements shall be provide by the District Covid Advisory Committee on the operation of schools
The following are guidelines in regards to specific areas..

MASKS:

Not only does Lake and Peninsula School District encourages staff and students to be vaccinated but encourages the use of face masks.

Face masks will not be required in schools within communities where no cases of COVID are currently identified. Should it become known that a case of COVID exits within a community the District COVID Advisory Team in consultation with the Village COVID Advisory Committee shall determine whether the school shall implement the use of face masks.

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PHYSICAL DISTANCING (e.g. including use of cohorts/pods)

Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” to the operations within the Lake and Peninsula School District means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from the same household.

To practice social or physical distancing, LPSD recommends staying at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people who are not from the same household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.

Social distancing should be practiced in combination with other [everyday preventive actions](#) to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including [wearing masks](#), avoiding touching your face with unwashed hands, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from getting sick.

LPSD shall provide frequent opportunities for all staff and students to wash hands.

To help prevent the spread of germs the Lake and Peninsula School District shall have students wash their hands with soap and water at the beginning of each school day, before and after lunch, and after recess or physical education sessions.

Cleaning & Maintaining Healthy Facilities, including improving ventilation

Daily Responsibilities of Custodial Staff.

- a. Be familiar with manufacturer’s instructions for the cleaning and disinfection products used in LPSD Schools.
- b. Put on gloves and other required personal protective equipment (PPE) before beginning the process of cleaning and disinfecting.

Methods and Frequency of Cleaning

- a. When dirty surfaces are observed clean with soap and water. Cleaning with soap and water reduces the number of germs, dirt, and impurities on surfaces.

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- b. More frequent cleaning and disinfection will be required based on levels of use.
- Surfaces and objects in public places should be cleaned prior to, and after each, use.
 - High touch surfaces include tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, toys, etc. are to be cleaned each evening.
 - The district recommends that each school be cleaned and disinfected each evening
 - When possible, high touch surfaces should be cleaned throughout the day.
 - At the request of the school administration and support of the Director of Maintenance of Operations, the Superintendent may approve additional janitorial hours to maintain the above recommendations.

Use the appropriate disinfectant product.

- a. LPSD's cleaning and disinfecting products when applied according to the manufacturer's label, are effective for use against COVID-19. Custodial Staff are to follow the instructions on the label for all cleaning and disinfection products.
- b. Products provided by the District are registered, hospital grade, 5 minute alkaline disinfectants. Staff will be fully informed and thoroughly trained in its handling and application.

Contact tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal Health Departments.

Contact tracing in the communities of the Lake and Peninsula School District is performed by the Public Health Department of the State of Alaska with support from the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and the Southcentral Area Health Foundation.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing.

LPSD Health Screening Procedures

1. We are asking parents to screen their children before they get on the bus or otherwise head to school and to have them stay at home if they have any days left in a State-mandated Quarantine/Isolation or if they have any COVID exposure or symptoms (listed below).

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2. Each student and staff member will be health-screened as they enter the building for the first time each day. When weather permits, the health screening should be done outside the building. Larger schools may opt to schedule student arrivals to avoid bottle-necking.
3. Each person must pass the health-screening to remain in the building.
4. One staff member will be designated from each building to do the health screening and will be trained. Regardless of the Risk Level (Green, Yellow, or Red) the health screener must wear gloves and a face covering correctly while screening and may don additional PPE as they desire.
5. A backup health screener will also be designated and trained. Large schools may use additional health screeners to move through students and staff more efficiently.
6. Students shall enter at the designated entrance and wait their turn to be screened. They shall stand on the 6-foot social distancing marks placed on the floor, until screened.
 - a. Those who pass the screening can proceed to their first classroom or station of the day.
 - b. Those who do not pass the screening will be screened out and discretely and courteously asked to leave the building.
 - i. Parents of students will be called immediately to describe the situation and will be asked to pick up their child from school.
 - ii. Those who are screened out may return to school according to the **Return to School Pathway (Alaska Smart Start 2020, Appendix 2)**.
 - c. Those who refuse any part of the screening will be screened out.

Health Screening Methods

Ask these questions. Anyone who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above or answers “yes” to one or more of these questions will be screened out and must not be permitted to enter the school or participate in a school sport or activity.

1. Take the temperature with a no-touch thermometer and it must be less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Write down any temperature above 100.3 degrees.
2. Within the last 14 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a positive test for the virus?
3. Do you live in the same household or have you had close contact in the last 14 days with someone who has been told they had COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19? (Close contact counts if you have been within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes, or if someone from public health contacted you to let you know you are a contact.) Note: If a child or staff member lives with someone else who was named as a contact, it is okay for the child or staff member to go to school. We do not quarantine contacts of contacts.
4. Have you had any of these symptoms in the last 3 days?

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- A. **Fever (defined as a temperature over 100.3F), New cough, New trouble breathing or shortness of breath**
 - B. Chills, Night sweats, Sore throat
 - C. **Body aches, Muscle aches, Joint pain**
 - D. Loss of taste or smell, Headache, Confusion
 - E. **Vomiting, Diarrhea, Abdominal pain**
5. If a person answers YES to one or more questions, they should STAY HOME or go home immediately. Their next step is to get tested for COVID-19. They should call their doctor or other health care provider if they have questions or concerns. They should not go to their doctor's office without calling first. If they have worsening difficulty breathing, chest pain, confusion, sleepiness or other severe problems, they should seek emergency care.

They do NOT need a doctor's note to return to school. Instead, they should follow the **RETURN TO SCHOOL pathway (Alaska Smart Start 2020, Appendix 2)**. A doctor's note is only needed to allow someone back to school if they have NOT had COVID-19 and there is another reason that they had symptoms.

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students if eligible.

The Lake and Peninsula School District is thankful for the efforts of the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and the South Central Foundation to provide the Covid Vaccine to the communities within our School District. As a result of the efforts of our Health Providers, the Lake and Peninsula Region was on the forefront of the Covid Vaccine distribution within the state of Alaska.

Vaccines are an important tool to help stop the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers and staff hold jobs critical to the continued functioning of society and are at potential occupational risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Vaccinating teachers and staff are one layer of prevention and protection for teachers and staff. Strategies that minimize barriers to access vaccination for teachers and other frontline essential workers, such as vaccine clinics at or close to the place of work, are optimal. To address this important public health priority, the [Health and Human Services Secretary issued a Secretarial Directive iconexternal icon](#) on March 2, 2021, that directs all COVID-19 vaccination providers administering vaccine purchased by the US government to make vaccines available to those who work in K-12 schools. This means that in addition to existing state and local COVID-19 vaccination sites, teachers and staff in

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schools across the nation can sign up for an appointment at more than 9,000 pharmacy locations participating in the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#) for COVID-19 Vaccination.

Appropriate accommodations for children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies

The Lake and Peninsula makes every effort to serve the individual needs of all students. We base our services on consultation with experts in the fields of medicine, educational evaluation and services, and most important the families.

Continuity of Services

The Lake and Peninsula School District established a COVID ADVISORY COMMITTEE to provide oversight of the District's efforts to combat the Covid Pandemic. This committee is comprised of representatives from the school district, the Borough government, along with State and Local Health Officials. This group met weekly throughout the school year to review and determine the best path for keeping school open and students as safe as possible.

Along with the Covid Advisory Committee the Leadership Team of the School District met twice a month to review educational concerns and needs.

Finally, the School Board of the Lake and Peninsula School District meets monthly. This body of elected members is presented reports and updates on areas of concern and need. The group works District Leadership to ensure that the students of our region and provided services to the best of our abilities and resources.

Periodic Review

A periodic review of all processes and procedures related to COVID is performed on a number of levels. First and foremost is by the Covid Advisory Committee. Another level of review is on a bi weekly basis by the administrative team for the District, and finally a monthly report and review happens at the Board level. Along with all this is the constant review by the school personnel and community as we work to stay vigilant in regards to the protection of our students and staff.