American Rescue Plan | Continuity of Services Local Plan

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks

a. Highland Local Schools will follow all recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the Morrow County Department of Health regarding masks. Signage will be posted on the correct wearing of masks.

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

 a. Highland Local Schools will continue to review recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and Morrow County Department of Health regarding physical distancing. Signage will be posted throughout the building.

3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

a. Highland Local Schools will continue to stay informed of best practices and procedures from the Morrow County Department of Health. Handwashing will be encouraged and practiced throughout the day. Signs are posted as reminders of best practices and etiquette. Sanitizer is available near high touch surfaces and within individual classrooms.

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

a. Custodial and maintenance duties were adjusted during the 2020-2021 school year to increase sanitation and increase cleaning of high touch areas. We will continue to ensure the maintenance of healthy facilities.

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

a. Highland Local Schools will continue to stay informed about contact tracing and quarantine protocols via the Ohio Department of Health and the Morrow County Department of Health.

6. Diagnostic and screening testing

 Highland Local Schools will consult with health officials and office staff to best determine how to proceed with suspected cases based on symptoms and professional assessment.

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

a. In February and March of 2021, the Morrow County Department of Health hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for all Highland School staff members who had registered to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

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

a. Highland Local Schools, if determined as a necessity, will offer individualized learning options for any students with a disability that prevents them to engage in the established setting. Additionally, if necessary, the district will provide disabled students with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when necessary to ensure safety in any and all in-person learning environments.

Plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary. Public may provide input by contacting Nate Huffman, Superintendent.