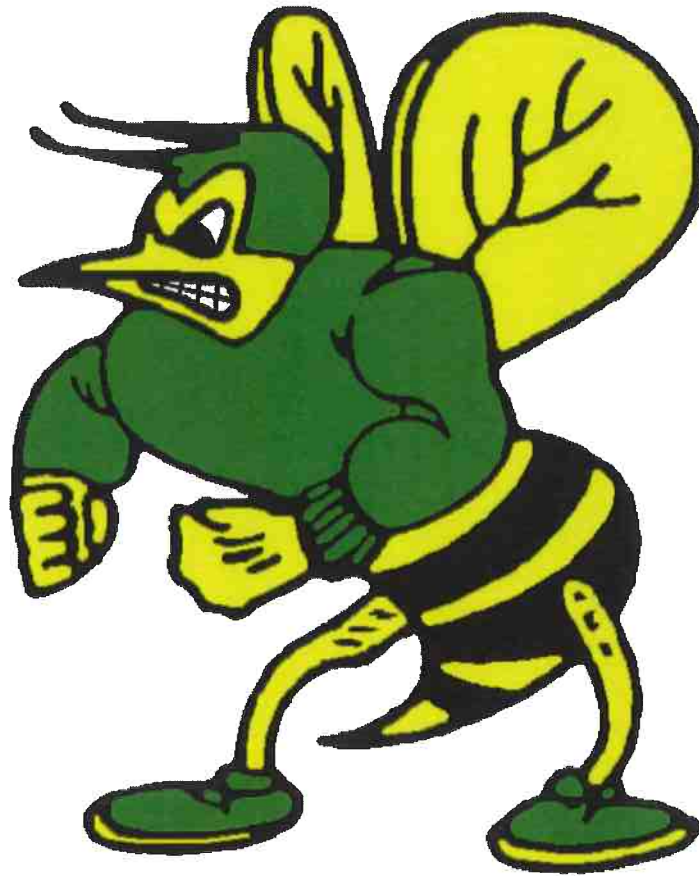


Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan



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Introduction

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plans (ARP) Act was signed into law. In it, the U.S. Department of Education is providing an additional \$121.9 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III Fund). This legislation will award grants to state educational agencies (SEAs) for providing local educational agencies (LEAs) with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

Wisconsin will receive \$1,540,784,854 in ESSER III funds from the Act, with 90 percent being awarded to school districts with amounts determined in proportion to the amount of Title I, Part A funds they received in summer 2020 from funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The remaining funds will be used for state-level activities to address issues caused by COVID-19.

This plan describes how the LEA or district will provide a safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction.

Maintaining Health and Safety

Overview

Weekly Schedule

- In-person instruction 5 days per week for all students in grades 4K-12.

Health Services

- The Colby School District employs one full-time nurse who will continue to offer health services in-person or virtually.
- The school district also contracts with multiple outside agencies to provide mental health support for families.
- The school district also maintains an active web page with links and resources for our parents and community.

Transportation Plan

- The district will follow the required federal transportation guidelines.

Student Meal Plans

- Additional eating areas are available by request and safe serving protocols have all been put in place for safety purposes.
- Regardless of the mode of instruction, the Colby School District will continue to provide meals under the community provision as long as USDA continues the allowance. Meals will be provided for all eligible youth during the school year. If school is closed due to a pandemic, the district will assess its ability to distribute meals utilizing the same process it used during the spring of 2020.

Remote Learning Option 2022-2023

- If a family wants a remote learning option for the 2022-2023 school year, they must register for classes through the Rural Virtual Academy. Overflow from closed sections of RVA courses will be handled on an individual basis. Please contact the building principals for more information.
- In the event of school closure due to a pandemic, the district has purchased Chromebooks to support remote learning. Printed materials will also be delivered to the homes of students as needed. Hotspot devices have also been added for the families without a strong internet connection.

Guidelines for Non-school Use of Facilities

"Non School" sports / activities (Booster/Youth) may use school facilities

- Must complete the required facility use forms (as always).

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- Individuals listed as supervisors will be responsible for following all guidelines.

Guidelines for Pool Use

School and Community Education may use the pool within the following guidelines;

- Maximum capacity shall be 174 (full capacity). This will include school staff / lifeguards. Other limits may be imposed due to class size limitations.

Guidelines for Concessions (indoors and outdoors):

- Same as “pre-covid”

Guidelines for Outdoor Activities (athletics / recess) & Masks:

- Same as “pre-covid”

Mitigation Measures

Daily Operation Plan

- A self-screening symptom checklist is available for all families, students, and staff on our web page. No one should come to school if the symptoms checklist indicates the student or staff member should remain home.
- Masks are not required in ALL PreK-12 settings.
- Sanitizing stations are located throughout the buildings.

Physical Spaces Plan

- Physical distance as much as possible/practical.
- Bottle filling stations are available throughout the buildings. Students should bring their own water bottle.

Healthy Environments Plan

- The district has established daily and weekly protocols for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Staff will continue to teach hygiene protocols.
- Use proper cough etiquette.

Points of Contact Regarding Covid-19

- Points of contact for any COVID-19 issues involving students are the building principals, and school nurse (Diane Rarick).
- Superintendent Steve Kolden, District Office, is the point of contact for staff concerns or questions.
- Both Steve Kolden and Diane Rarick will work directly with the Clark & Marathon County Health Departments to monitor cases and to share timely information.

Case Monitoring

- The District will monitor (and post) active cases.

Appropriate Accommodations For Children with Disabilities

- When circumstances require specific policies or procedures designed to protect the health and safety of students, 504 and IEP teams will determine if modifications and/or reasonable accommodations are needed for individual students with disability-related issues.

Coordination With State and Local Health Officials

- The CDC recommends that all decisions about implementing school-based strategies should be made locally, collaborating with local health officials who can help determine the level of transmission in the community. The Colby School District continues to work with County Public Health to implement mitigating strategies for the safety of students and staff

Continuity of Services

The District will provide for continuity of services as follows:

Student Academic Needs

- The Colby School District has implemented a summer school program to assist all K-12 students with academic recovery. The District offers after school “Study Club” opportunities for additional academic support in grades K-8 and credit recovery options for 9-12 students.

Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

- The district will continue to work with both internal and outside counseling services to address our students’ social and emotional learning needs.

Other Staff Needs

- The District will follow national, state, and local governing agencies’ laws and directives concerning staff employment and benefits.

Periodic Review

The Colby School District will periodically review and, as needed, revise the plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The plan will be reviewed at least semiannually, and the school district will seek and take into consideration public input during the review process at school board meetings. Plan revisions will address updated CDC and Clark & Marathon County Public Health guidance on safely reopening schools if any are issued.

Public Input

The Colby School District has taken the following steps to make its plan available to the public:

- The plan is posted at <https://www.colby.k12.wi.us/district/covid-19.cfm>
- The plan was shared at the Colby Board of Education meetings in August, September, October, November 2021 and January 2022. An opportunity for public comment on agenda items was/is available during all Board of Education meetings.
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting our district office.
- The plan was last updated and approved by the Board in September, 2022.