

Safe Return Plan 2025-2026

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

We continue to follow the Governor's Executive Orders, NJDOE Guidelines, CDC, and the recommendations of the local Department of Health.

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

For the 2025-2026 school year, the school district will follow any legislative requirements that exist at that time regarding protocols. Absent any legislative requirements for social distancing or other protocols, the school district will continue our normal school day format. Precautions or measures may be adjusted if conditions change.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Rooms will continue to be supplied with hand sanitizer, wipes, gloves, tissues, soap, and paper towels. Students will continue to wash their hands regularly, including after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing. Furthermore, additional handwashing stations were added on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

Cleaning and disinfecting will be done throughout the day. All disinfectants will be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the recommended dwell time. After school hours, the night custodian will do a thorough cleaning of all areas of the building, such as restrooms, door handles/push bars, railings, telephones, desktops, lunch tables, and drinking fountains, which will consist of cleaning with a peroxide-based cleaner then disinfecting with an EPA approved disinfectant to work against the spread of viruses. This cleaning will be accomplished using bottle sprayers and pump sprayers. Electrostatic sprayers are no longer recommended, according to the updated NJDOH guidelines as of October 2022. Any surfaces with food contact will be wiped down after the disinfectant has had sufficient dwell time. In addition, all classrooms will be restocked with hand sanitizer, wipes, gloves, tissues, soap, and paper towels.

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

Beach Haven School has transitioned from a case-investigation response model to a routine disease control model, as recommended by the NJDOH, as of October 2022. This model focuses more on responding to clusters of cases, outbreaks, and evidence of ongoing transmission in schools/ECE and less on individual case investigation and contact tracing. Beach Haven School's Health Office/Nurse will follow reporting requirements set forth at 8:57-1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 for confirmed and suspected cases of the communicable diseases required.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

The Beach Haven School District will continue to direct staff and parents of students toward local health providers for any health screening needs.

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

The Beach Haven School District will continue to monitor the needs of educators, other staff, and students during the 2025-2026 school year as needed.

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

All subgroups will be represented, and appropriate accommodations and modifications will be made to ensure the success of each individual.

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.

Funds were allocated to Beach Haven School in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact. The Beach Haven School District will continue to focus on learning acceleration for students at all levels, while also enhancing their social and emotional skills.

Additionally, our W.I.N. (What I Need) educational program (during the school year) offers numerous opportunities for district students to enrich, reinforce, and accelerate academically and socially after school or in the evening. The W.I.N. program coincides with the district's goal- "The Beach Haven School District will concentrate on instructional practices that elevate student engagement for enhanced student achievement."

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.

A Safe Return survey was shared with all community stakeholders. Two questions addressed this area using a Google Form. 1) What are we doing well when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and educators? 2) What changes would you like to see for Beach Haven School regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and educators? Furthermore, information was solicited at our monthly Board of Education Meetings.

In addition, we surveyed our parents and students about their needs and interests for our Summer W.I.N. (What I Need) Learning and Enrichment Academy and 1:1 tutoring program. We wanted to ensure that we had the opportunity to gather input to help address additional needs beyond those identified from our school-level information and assessment data.

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.

Similar to previous years' Restart and Recovery Plan, students, staff, and community members were previously invited to complete surveys and provide input. All information will be presented in a manner that makes it accessible to our bilingual and special needs populations.

Briefly describe any guidance professional learning, and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools.

The Beach Haven School District will continue to review and identify professional learning and technical assistance needs. Professional development opportunities will be available that support these needs and those that align with our Board/District Goals, PDPs, and Teacher SGOs.