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

The Regional Office of Education #11 Bridges Regional Safe School Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan reflects ROE #11's commitment to supporting students, educators, support staff and schools as they safely return to school while address the academic, social, emotional and mental health impacts of COVID-19.

The Regional Office of Education #11 has adopted the following policies and procedures based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control.

- Bridges Regional Safe School teachers, students, staff and visitors are required to wear face coverings correctly over their nose and mouth at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Those without proper face coverings, are provided with one.
- School classroom spaces have been modified to ensure students maintain at least three feet of physical distance in classrooms to reduce transmission risk.
- Signage, stressing the importance of handwashing, are strategically located throughout the school and hand sanitizer is available in each classroom and common areas.
- Staff clean, sanitize and maintain the facility daily and sanitize high-contact areas throughout the day.
- In each situation, positive cases and their parents/guardians are walked through the process of self-isolation and return to school guidance. The local health department is responsible for contact tracing.
- Accommodations for children with disabilities are met by following the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.
- All of these above aforementioned policies are done in coordination with state and local health officials.
- The Regional Office of Education #11 continues to meet the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students.
- All Bridges School students have access to academic materials and school staff send home assignments when a student is in quarantine. Additional teachers joined the staff to further help students with their academic needs.
- School social workers, counselors and interventionists are available to meet with students and address any social, emotional and mental health needs.
- ROE #11 attendance specialists work with students and their families who may need additional support including help with school clothing, food, alarm clocks to get to school on-time and transportation.