

**Safe Return to In-person Instruction and
Continuity of Services Plan
School Year 2021-2022**

*Cardinal Academy welcomes comments regarding our **Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**. Please use the **Contact Us** button on our website landing page to access our comment/email digital form, and submit your comments. Thank you!*

In-person and Hybrid Instruction

In-person

Cardinal Academy will adhere to the Centers for Disease Control Essential Elements for Safe Operations for In-person Learning guidelines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html>

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan/Covid-19 Response Team

A Safe Return to In-person Instruction/Covid-19 response team will be formed consisting of the Executive Director, School Nurse, School Counselor, The Salvation Army Social Worker, and one teacher. This plan is shared and available to teachers, staff, students and their families, and other public and private organizations and governmental agencies and others via our school website. Responsibilities of the team will include, but not limited to, liaising with Public Health Agencies and officials, dissemination of updated information, working with Central District Health and Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, our medical care provider, to possibly provide Covid-19 on-campus vaccination clinics, ensure staff are aware of and adhere to privacy policies (FERPA), and directly responding to a reported case of Covid-19 in the school, the contact tracing associated with it, and working with public health officials on the case. The Team will review and revise The Plan twice yearly. The school nurse is responsible for diagnostic and screening testing of faculty, staff, and students.

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services as part of the enrollment process:

When students enroll at Cardinal Academy, part of the routine enrollment process will include:

- Information about to access our Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity Plan;

The enrollment process will also include a survey of:

- Current technology in the student's household (computers, printers, hotspots, internet access);
- Number of users of that technology;
- How will the student manage childcare at home, if parenting?
- Will the student be responsible for any younger siblings at home?

Health and safety supplies on-hand:

Masks;

Hand sanitizer;

Hand-soap;

Antiseptic wipes and spray cleaner and cloths;

Covid-19 prevention posters and infographics;

Individual school supplies for students;

Face shields for teachers for whole class instruction.

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan/Covid-19 Faculty and Staff Training and Student Instruction

Faculty and staff will receive structured and specific in-service training regarding our Plan and the Centers for Disease Control recommendations for safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan and Covid-19 risk reduction through Healthy Classrooms, Healthy Buildings, Healthy Schedules, and Healthy Activities from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the CDC Essential Elements for Safe Operations for In-person Learning guidelines, and other sources brought to the training by our school nurse. The school nurse, who is a certified Public Health nurse, will conduct the training.

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services policies and procedures will be taught in each classroom by teachers on the first day in the first block period. Cardinal Academy will follow the Centers For Disease Control and State Health Departments and agencies requirements and/or recommendations for:

- **Use of masks and the proper use thereof;**
- **Social distancing;**
- **Handwashing:** frequently and lengthy scrubbing, and especially before eating any meals or snacks;
- **Hand sanitizer:** will be available throughout the school, use when needed, especially before eating a snack;
- **Disinfecting** between uses and users;

- **Meals/Cafeteria;**
- **Student Free Time;**
- **P.E.**

Health and Safety Reinforcement.

School will start each morning with a health, safety, and shared responsibility message from the teachers during the first block. Infographics will be posted throughout the school to remind students of Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services/Covid-19 policies, procedures, and shared responsibilities.

Building/Classroom Ventilation

We will minimize air recirculation by working with The Salvation Army to ventilate with outdoor air through the HVAC system, and increase filter efficiency. We may possibly purchase portable air cleaners for classrooms.

De-densify the Building

If recommended, we will limit on-campus indoor visits, and school/parent conferences can be held virtually as much as possible.

Cardinal Academy use of the ARP ESSER Federal Funds

To address learning loss which occurred in the school year, 2020-2021, Cardinal Academy will follow best practices of having certified teachers and the certified school counselor provide learning loss recovery, intensive tutoring, and deliberate social-emotional learning. We will use the ARP ESSER funds to partially fund the school counselor and English Language Arts, Math, and Special Education teacher positions. The ELA and Math teachers will teach one, 90-minute class each day of learning loss recovery in reading & writing, and math, respectively. The Special Education teacher will provide one or two, as needed, sessions of 1-teacher to 1-student, 1-teacher to 2-students or 1-teacher to 3-students, in 90-minute tutoring sessions for reading support. The School Counselor will work with The Salvation Army Social Worker to develop a plan for deliberately teaching an SEL curriculum and to make student referrals to the on-campus mental health clinic as necessary. They will work with the Cardinal Academy faculty to implement the SEL curriculum.

How Cardinal Academy will address students' non-academic needs.

Cardinal Academy is a year-round school providing an extended school day from 9 am to 4 pm which addresses gaps in learning and services to students. We will offer on-campus wrap around services including meals, laundry facility, showers, childcare, medical and mental health care,

WIC services, a food pantry, and a student store stocked with student and baby essentials. Our students can participate in The Salvation Army after-school programs.

Hybrid opening of on-campus instruction, if recommended

Cardinal Academy will hold classes for half the students on Monday and Tuesday, the other half on Wednesday and Thursday, then alternate the two groups each week on Friday. This allows for preferred social distancing.

Policies, procedures, health and safety reinforcement, and building ventilation for the hybrid opening of on-campus school are the same as if all students are on campus.

On-campus medical, mental health, and WIC appointments and student store and food pantry hours will be scheduled to allow for social distancing and minimal crowding.