Section 2001(i) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) requires all LEAs receiving ARP ESSER funds, within 30 days of receiving the funds, to make publicly available on its website a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. Before making the plan publicly available, the LEA must seek public comment on the plan and take such input into consideration.

**Due Date**

- The NDDPI must make the ESSER III funds available to LEAs by May 24, 2021, which means they have access to their signed grant award/contract by that date. Therefore, 30 days from May 24, is the deadline by which all districts must have their plan posted on their website (June 24, 2021).

**The Plan Must Include the Following Information**

- How the LEA will ensure continuity of services
- How the LEA is addressing the students’ academic needs, and students’ and staffs’ social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services; and
- How the LEA has adopted policies and a description of any such policies on each of the strategies listed below:
  - Universal and correct wearing of masks
  - Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)
  - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
  - Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
  - Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, or tribal health departments
  - Diagnostic and screening testing
  - Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible
  - Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

**Additional Requirement**

- Districts need to update the In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 20, 2024, and must seek ongoing public input on the plan.
- Even if districts claim all their ESSER III funding, the requirement to update this plan every six months still applies.