## **ARP-ESSER III Updates and Guidance**

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Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP)



# **Happy New School Year!**

OFERP wishes you a safe and happy new school year!





## **OFERP Introductions**

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# **ARP ESSER Purpose**

-To implement prevention and mitigation strategies (aligned with CDC guidance to greatest extent practicable)

-To address the academic impacts of lost instructional time through evidence-based interventions that respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students and particularly underserved student groups.



# **Updates**

- 1. New Coordinators-update contact information in GEM to be able to receive GEM notifications (see Slide 6)
- 2. CRF finish invoicing September 1, 2021
- 3. Daily review of CARES ESSER I and CRRSA ESSER II applications
- 4. \*Review of and feedback for ARP ESSER III applications

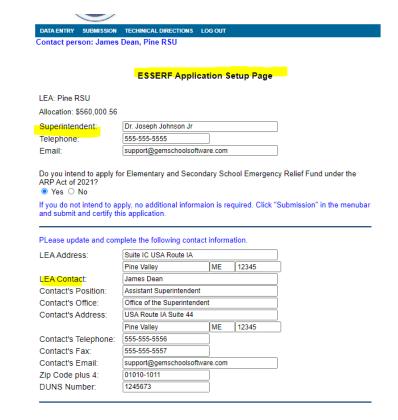
\*SAUARP ESSER III applications cannot be approved until SEA plan for use of ARP ESSER funds has been approved.



# New Coordinators - Site Setup

1. New Coordinators-update contact information in GEM to be able to receive GEM notifications







Save Site Information

# **Review Findings Highlighted**

1. Documentation and Evidence

2. Publicly available plans

3. Relevance and Timeliness



## **Documentation and Evidence**

### Keep documentation/evidence of:

- overlapping project expenses funded (including Time and Effort) with ESSER and CRF monies.
- meaningful consultation with stakeholders and opportunities for public comment for both the ARP Use of funds plan and SAU Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction.
- why student groups (checkboxes in 2a and 2b) were selected for 20% Reservation projects (targeted evidence-based interventions)



## **Publicly Available Plans**

#### **ARP ESSER Use of Funds Plan**

The website link should provide public access to the ARP ESSER Application (Use of Funds).

The publicly available application should be aligned with the Priorities Chart, Stakeholders, and other requirements defined in the ARP Act IFR §2(a-c)

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

The website link should provide public access to the SAU Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This publicly available plan needs to address each of the safety recommendations established by CDC guidance. IFR §3(i)(A-I)

**Note:** If the SAU is using one plan, it needs to meet the requirements of both the APR ESSER Use of Funds Plan and the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as required in the ARP Act



## Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

- 1. Must review every 6 months and seek public input determining whether, and what revisions are necessary. IFR § 3(b)(i) and §3(b)(ii)
- 2. Must describe to the extent to which it has adopted the key prevention and mitigation strategies identified in the guidance.

  IFR §3(a)(i)(A-I)
- 3. Current or revised plan must continue to address safety recommendations from the CDC (including updated guidance).

  IFR §3(b)(i)
- 4. Must provide useful information that addresses the most-up to date research on COVID 19 prevention and mitigation. IFR§3(b)(iii)
- 5. Must be in an understandable and uniform format. IFR §3(d)(i)



### Relevance and Timeliness

### Relevance

- -Project descriptions must make direct connections to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- -Differentiate between "10 year" Capital Improvement plan and COVID 19 mitigation
- -Differentiate between ADA compliance and COVID 19 mitigation

### **Timeliness**

- -Urgent return to Safe In-Person Instruction
- -Address needs caused by the pandemic as quickly, safely, and efficiently as possible



## Q&A

Please unmute yourself or use the chat to ask questions!





### Resources

- ARP-ESSER Application Instructions
- Return to School Roadmap
- ARP Law
- ARP ESSER Interim Final Rule
- US ED APR ESSER
- Use of Funds FAQ
- Maine's Federal Emergency Relief Programs



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