

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Clearfield Area School District

Initial Effective Date: July 26, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 26, 2021, Next review would be no later than January 2022

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1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The school district will make every effort to provide a safe and healthy school environment for all students and staff that will allow us to open and operate schools for regular in-person learning.

Our first step in our layered process will be to continue to hold expectations that students and staff do not come to school while ill. (Staff is inclusive of district paid staff, contracted staff, or other adults visiting the school settings.) Temperature monitoring and screening will still be available on an as needed basis and anyone that would be indicating that they have a fever would be asked to stay home, and if they have already come to school, would be sent home as soon as possible. Determinations through the school nurse could require a medical clearance to return to school.

Mask wearing would be encouraged for anyone who has not been vaccinated and or feels more comfortable wearing a mask in an indoor setting. In alignment with the CDC's current order that all people on public transportation is masked, the district will post signage on all school busses to inform those riding of the order. At all public entrances to the school setting, signage will be posted that would encourage people to be masked if they have not been vaccinated. Parents and students will be made aware that if all parties are masked properly there could be a reduced impact on close contacts regarding quarantining guidelines. Masks may be available for distribution if needed.

To the maximum extent feasible, while allowing school to operate as close to normal and as needed, social distancing will be encouraged and expected as possible. Excess furnishings are to be limited in all spaces to allow for greater distancing when possible. Students should be kept within their respective groups as much as possible throughout the school day. Areas of high person traffic/congestion will be explored for alternatives that would eliminate concerns while still providing for the range of services needed to meet student needs. Adults would be expected to continue to self-monitor

their efforts at social distancing and apply good practices whenever possible throughout the school day.

When cases do present within the school community, the school will work closely with the PA Department of Health (PA DOH) to help identify and provide information about potential positive cases and/or close contacts. In all instances that the school is notified of it will be required for the impacted students and staff to quarantine and/or isolate as per the guidelines provided by the PA DOH. This process will be handled through the school nurse's office with confidential notification to the school administration as well. Based upon the number of cases presenting in a school setting, within the community, and/or transmission of cases as a result of school, the school may take additional targeted steps to help mitigate concerns in school. This could include masking guidelines, virtual instruction by group/cohort/grade level or entire school setting. These mitigation efforts would be in place on an as needed basis. Any additional mitigation efforts that would be implemented would be coordinated through the school nurse, building administration and the superintendent.

Regarding the school's extracurricular activities, the school will make decisions based on team/group impacts. Community attendance at events will be determined by community transmission, indoor/outdoor, and other considerations as relevant at that time.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Using our knowledge of what we learned worked and did not work during the 2020-2021 school year, the school will continue to provide instruction and all related services through a virtual format if needed. Our mental health services continue to be provided through a virtual format as well with their clients. Food services continue operations as much as staffing permits during times of virtual instruction. This is limited to pick up options only at the school during short time closures. Technology needs will continue to be monitored and supported as much as possible. Internet services can be provided in most cases using T-Mobile hot spots if other resources are not available.

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p>	<p>Mask wearing would be encouraged for anyone who has not been vaccinated and or feels more comfortable wearing a mask in an indoor setting. In alignment with the CDC's current order that all people on public transportation is masked, the district will post signage on all school busses to inform those riding of the order. At all public entrances to the school setting, signage will be posted that would encourage people to be masked if they have not been vaccinated. Parents and students will be made aware that if all parties are masked properly there could be a reduced impact on close contacts regarding quarantining guidelines. Masks may be available for distribution if needed.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>To the maximum extent feasible, while allowing school to operate as close to normal and as needed, social distancing will be encouraged and expected as possible. Excess furnishings are to be limited in all spaces to allow for greater distancing when possible. Students should be kept within their respective groups as much as possible throughout the school day. Areas of high person traffic/congestion will be explored for alternatives that would eliminate concerns while still providing for the range of services needed to meet student needs. Adults would be expected to continue to self-monitor their efforts at social distancing and apply good practices whenever possible throughout the school day.</p>

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c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	The district will continue to encourage proper handwashing and will work to provide adequate supplies, including hand sanitizer, when handwashing may not always be available. As an ongoing effort students and staff will continue to be reminded that sneezing, coughing, etc, should occur into a tissue or the bend of the elbow with their head turned away from others as much as possible. It will also be emphasized that one should limit touching their eyes, nose, and mouth without proper handwashing/sanitizing.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	All facilities will be cleaned nightly with appropriate methods and cleansers. When notified of a potential case, all areas that the person may have been in will have additional cleaning and sanitizing. School busses will continue to be cleaned as much as possible between AM and PM runs. HVAC systems will be monitored regularly to keep operating as scheduled and planned to allow for the proper heating, cooling and ventilation of all spaces.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	When cases do present within the school community, the school will work closely with the PA Department of Health (PA DOH) to help identify and provide information about potential positive cases and/or close contacts. In all instances that the school is notified of it will be required for the impacted students and staff to quarantine and/or isolate as per the guidelines provided by the PA DOH. This process will be handled through the school nurse's office with

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f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	The school district will, through the nurse's office, recommend when they believe a student/staff member should see a doctor for further diagnosis and testing. The school nurse will make recommendations for follow-up care based on the PA Department of Health and CDC guidelines. Students and staff will be expected to follow the PA Department of Health/CDC guidelines agreed upon by the school district.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	The school shares vaccination clinics and information via e-mails and social media to school staff and student families.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	All IEP and 504 plans will be followed as prepared. If a student's health condition would require a change to the student's IEP or 504 plan, the designated team will meet to review the specific needs and how they can best be addressed on a case by case basis.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	When cases do present within the school community, the school will work closely with the PA Department of Health (PA DOH) to help identify and provide information about potential positive cases and/or close contacts. In all instances that the school is notified of it will be required for the impacted students and staff to quarantine and/or isolate as per the guidelines provided by the PA DOH. This process will be handled through the school nurse's office with confidential notification to the school administration as well

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Clearfield Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **Monday, July 26, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **Monday, July 26, 2021**

By:

Gregory Alden Clarke
(Signature* of Board President)

GREGORY ALDEN CLARKE
(Print Name of Board President)

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