



Health and Safety Plan

2021 – 2022

Health and Safety Plan for Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 (IU8) Health and Safety Plan serves as our organization's guidelines for continuity of operations and educational service and programming. The development of the Health and Safety Plan is informed by the guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-DOH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The IU8 Health and Safety Plan takes into consideration that transmission levels do not always occur in a linear path. Instead, cycling back and forth between less restrictive to more restrictive designations based on public health indicators.

The IU8 Pandemic Team continues to serve as developers of the plan and as members of the Pandemic Response Team for our organization. The members of this team provide for a span of control for the Health and Safety Plan across general operations of our IU, and programs and services, as well as positions our IU to be responsive at all levels and to work together more effectively and efficiently no matter the case, size, or complexity of the planning and implementation of operations, logistics and resource management, finances, supporting technologies, communications, and professional learning needs.

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Identify Type of Reopening

High, Substantial, Moderate, and Low Levels of Community Transmission are fluid data points that are important influencers to local and regional planning: Educational Entities, including Intermediate Units and School Districts, continue to have an emergency instructional plan option to navigate local needs considering current conditions and circumstances, as they apply to the specific classroom, building, or school district.

The instructional models school districts have available include in-person, hybrid/blended, or full-remote, with a clear message from both the federal and state education departments that full, in-person instruction to the maximum extent. Thus, instructional models may continue to fluctuate in response to health and safety considerations and Department of Health recommendations.

2021-2022 School Reopening: IU8 anticipates a total reopen for all students and staff with options for virtual teaching and learning based on the needs of our educational partners, as well as the learners we serve.

Pandemic Coordinator/Team		
Individual(s)	Stakeholder Group Represented	Pandemic Team Role and Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Health and Safety Plan Development▪ Pandemic Crisis Response Team▪ Both (Plan Development & Response Team)
LEVEL 1		
Dr. Thomas Butler	Executive Director	Pandemic Coordinator and Both
Dr. Amy Woomer	Chief Education Officer	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Jennifer Anderson	Director of Professional Learning & Organizational Development	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Julie Della	Assistant Director of Educational Programs	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Janel Vancas	Director of Curriculum Innovation	Plan Development
Jason McMillen	Director of Business Services	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)

Karlie Travis-Shook	Assistant Director of Business Services	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
David Stultz	Supervisor of Facilities & Logistical Services	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
LEVEL 2		
David Hann	Technology Administrator	Health and Safety Plan Development
Patty Motchenbaugh	Transportation Coordinator	Health and Safety Plan Development
Marie Link	Student Data Manager	Health and Safety Plan Development
COUNTY BRANCHES		
Chris Lewis*	Supervisor	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Dr. Kara Madara	Supervisor	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Sue Knarr	Supervisor	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Charlotte Ecklund	Supervisor	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Troy Eppley*	Supervisor	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
Brad Theys*	Supervisor	Both (Plan Development and Response Team)
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Domain Summary: Pandemic Coordinator/Team

Our Pandemic Team formation and alignment positions IU 8 to execute and maintain a span of control for the IU8 Health & Safety Plan. This approach enables our organization to be nimble, standardized, and united in our efforts. This approach enables our organization to be responsive at all levels and to work together more effectively and efficiently to manage incidents no matter what the cause, size, or complexity. IU 8 uses the action levels of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery to guide the planning for IU 8's Phased Reopening Plan. In the development of our Health and Safety Plan, special consideration was given to the fluidity of coronavirus/emerging infectious diseases that we had experienced throughout the previous school year and thus learned how to best navigate the shifting transmission levels that varied across the four-county region that comprises IU8.

Key Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation					
Requirements	Action Steps under Moderate, Substantial, and High Level of Community Transmission or local cases.	Action Steps under Low Level of Community Transmission and local cases.	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)	<p>Same as Low with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional considerations for classrooms of students with higher risk for severe illness may include air purifiers to be provided as available and appropriate Disinfecting a classroom or other area within 24 hours after identification of a case who was present within the last 24 hours meets recommended guidance. 	<p>-Per the PA DOH guidance, cleaning 1x daily is reasonable and appropriate.</p> <p>-Dirty surfaces and frequently touched surfaces* will be cleaned with soap and water before disinfecting the surface</p> <p>-Frequently touched surfaces and objects* can be disinfected when appropriate (wearing gloves, followed by proper washing of hands upon removal of gloves) using an approved product (*frequently touched surfaces and items include: tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, faucets/sinks, touch screens)</p> <p>--Students and adults are encouraged to consider other options in lieu of communal water fountains and prioritize bottle fillers and/or individual drinking cups.</p>	<p>*David Stultz</p> <p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Dr. Woomer</p> <p>Julie Della</p> <p>Jennifer Anderson</p> <p>Janel Vancas</p>	<p>-All facilities personnel are provided cleaning protocols and supervision by our Supervisor of Facilities and Logistical Services</p> <p>-All staff will be provided with face coverings, gloves and approved cleaners and disinfectants</p> <p>-Staff will follow all instructions to safely and properly use the cleaners and disinfectant(s) provided</p> <p>-All staff are responsible for implementing appropriate and reasonable cleaning efforts across the spaces each occupies to contribute to a</p>	<p>Y - PD will be required for proper cleaning of IU facilities for all new members to the maintenance team, as well as refresher sessions as determined by the Supervisor of Facilities.</p>

		<p>-Any outside equipment used by children, such as playground equipment, will have normal, routine cleaning. Per CDC guidance, outdoor equipment does not require disinfecting. Staff who supervise children using outdoor equipment will be mindful of routine cleaning of high touch surfaces like railings and grab bars. Wooden surfaces require no more cleaning than would be typical.</p>		<p>safe and healthy work/learning environment for all</p> <p>-All staff will contribute to the cleaning and disinfecting of personal equipment including desktops, tables, desks, phones, keyboards, touchscreens, light switches, etc.</p> <p>When and how to use hand sanitizer https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-hand-sanitizer.html</p> <p>When to wear gloves https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html</p> <p>Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Ventilation https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html</p> <p>Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html</p>	
Other cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting,	-During heightened levels of community transmission or	-Training conference rooms/meeting locations that are occupied,	*Jennifer Anderson		Y – All members are directed to follow the

and ventilation practices	disinfecting within 24 hours of an identified case being on-site.	general/routine cleaning after any training session.	All Consultants David Stultz		project directions for cleaning surfaces.
Other cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilation practices	-Same as in low transmission	<p>-STEM Lending Center team will develop and implement specific cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing protocols for all items and equipment prior to loaning, as well as steps for entities to follow prior to returning all items and equipment.</p> <p>-STEM Lending Center will have cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing protocols for all items and equipment received from a borrowing entity.</p>	<p>*Janel Vancas</p> <p>Lending Center Team</p> <p>David Stultz</p>	Internal resource: STEM Lending Center Protocol for cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing.	N

Domain Summary: Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Requirements	Action Steps under Moderate, Substantial, and High Level of Community Transmission or local cases.	Action Steps under Low Transmission	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
Elementary classroom/ learning space occupancy that allows for at least 3 feet of separation between students and Secondary	-Same as in Low Transmission	- Across classrooms, IU8 will, to the maximum extent that is possible, consider and apply methods to distance elementary students 3 feet and secondary students 6 feet, per CDC recommendations.	<p>*Dr. Woomer</p> <p>*Julie Della</p> <p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Jennifer Anderson</p> <p>David Stultz</p>	<p>People with disabilities</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-disabilities.html</p>	N- general guidelines for physical distancing are clear and able to be considered and managed by all adults across all IU8 programs and locations. Program supervisors, professional staff and

<p>classrooms, 6 feet between students, to the maximum extent feasible.</p> <p>* Middle and high school classroom/ learning spaces occupancy that allows for at least 3 feet of separation to the maximum extent feasible.</p> <p>**cohorting is another option that could be considered and possible.</p> <p><i>**Cohorting is when groups of students are kept together when the same peers and staff throughout the school day to reduce the risk for spread throughout the school.</i></p>		<p>-In any area where recommended social distancing is not possible, other options will be considered.</p> <p>-all tables and desks are recommended to be positioned and/or used in a way whereby students are not seated face-to-face and distanced as much as possible.</p> <p>- IU8 serves many learners who require direct adult assistance within and outside of a classroom. When the recommended distance between student and support provider is not able to be maintained, due to student need, the adults will utilize protective equipment that would be appropriate.</p> <p>-all office spaces for staff have been reviewed and spaces have been reconfigured where feasible in consideration of H&S practices.</p>	<p>All Supervisors</p> <p>All Professional Personnel</p> <p>All Support Personnel</p>	<p>Schools and Childcare Centers https://www.cdc.gov/fu/pandemic-resources/archived/schools-child-care-planning.html</p> <p>Correctional and Detention Facilities https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/index.html</p>	<p>support staff can review environments and locations to make adjustments as needed to physically distance from others to the maximum extent possible.</p>
<p>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms</p>	<p>-Same as in Low Transmission</p> <p>-IU8 will also follow the local guidance for cafeteria and common area use established by any CTC or school district where an IU8</p>	<p>-There is no evidence that handling or eating food is associated with COVID-19</p> <p>-Basic food safety applies to any food preparation or distribution to students across all locations, within and outside a school or IU8 office building.</p> <p>-Snack and other foods do not need to be limited to single-use items and/or packaged meals.</p>	<p>*Dr. Woomer</p> <p>*Julie Della</p> <p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>All Supervisors</p>	<p>Cleaning, Disinfecting and Ventilation https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html</p> <p>Food & COVID: https://www.cdc.gov/</p>	<p>N- All adults serving and supporting learners across all settings are able to apply food safety guidelines in the settings and locations each serves.</p>

	classroom or program is hosted.	<p>-Any adult or student who is handling food must practice proper hand washing (soap/water/20 sec) before donning gloves prior to food handling, properly remove/ dispose of the gloves after food handling, then properly wash hands again.</p> <p>-Any time hand washing (soap and water for 20 sec.) is not an option, hand sanitizer (min. 60% alcohol) is to be used.</p> <p>-Any classroom where specialized food preparation is required based on individual student's need, the adult preparing the food for the student must follow the cleaning guidelines for all surfaces prior to food preparation (including food prep sink and general area) and food cleanup.</p> <p>-Classrooms where daily food preparation is part of the curriculum will follow structured site-based guidelines.</p> <p>-Community-based eating (i.e. restaurants and eateries) will be limited to transition activities as listed in the IEP.</p>	<p>All Professional Personnel</p> <p>All Support Personnel</p>	<p>coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/food-and-COVID-19.html</p> <p>Show me the Science-When & How to Use Hand Sanitizer in Community Settings: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-hand-sanitizer.html</p>	
* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices	-Same as in Low Transmission	<p>-All staff and students should engage in hand-washing (soap & water/20 sec.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon arrival and after breaks • before any handling of food • before and after engaging in physical assistance for direct contact with a student or other individual • after using the restroom • after the removal of disposable gloves worn for cleaning or the personal care of a student 	<p>*Dr. Woomer</p> <p>*Julie Della</p> <p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>All Supervisors</p> <p>All Professional Personnel</p>	<p>Wash Your Hands! https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/pdf/wash-your-hands-poster-english-508.pdf</p> <p>When and How to Wash Your Hands https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html</p>	<p>Y- all adults and students will be provided access to both visual cues (posters and handouts) for hand washing, as well as developmentally appropriate videos for hand washing. Adults supporting learners across all settings can offer both verbal and</p>

			All Support Personnel	<p>Washing Hands Videos: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html</p> <p>Show me the Science-When & How to Use Hand Sanitizer in Community Settings: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-hand-sanitizer.html</p> <p>Diapering https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/diapering/index.html</p> <p>When to wear gloves https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html</p>	visual prompts, as well as modeling steps to hand washing as is needed and appropriate for the learners.
* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs	Adjustments will be made to meetings and trainings as needed to meet the requirements outlined in any health and safety order.	<p><u>IU8 Office Buildings:</u></p> <p>IU8 will adjust signage to reflect health and safety practices recommended by the CDC.</p> <p>Restrooms have hand washing protocols by sink areas. CDC signage is in restroom stalls.</p> <p><u>IU8 Classrooms:</u></p>	*David Stultz Jennifer Anderson	<p>CDC Signage print resources https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date::desc</p> <p><u>Office Buildings:</u> When and How to Wash Your Hands https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-</p>	N- Signage will be provided for posting and use across IU8 locations.

		<p>Pictorial step-by-step instructions for handwashing by sinks</p> <p>Pictorial step-by-step instructions by hand sanitizers</p> <p>Restrooms and Diapering areas have gloves available for staff</p>		<p>how-handwashing.html</p> <p>Show me the Science-When & How to Use Hand Sanitizer in Community Settings: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-hand-sanitizer.html</p> <p><u>Classrooms:</u> When and How to Wash Your Hands https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html</p> <p>Show me the Science-When & How to Use Hand Sanitizer in Community Settings: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-hand-sanitizer.html</p> <p>Diapering https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/diapering/index.html</p> <p>When to wear gloves https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html</p>	
* Identifying and restricting non-essential	High, Substantial, and Moderate Transmission in the community/region; or at the classroom,	-IU8 members may connect with colleagues and others, using virtual means, based on the work.	Dr. Butler Dr. Woomer	Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) https://www.cdc.gov/	Y- Administration and Program Supervisors will review expectations across all

visitors and volunteers	<p>school, or district level; or at any IU8 office location:</p> <p>IU8 Offices: All members assigned to an IU8 office location may limit visitation to an IU8 office the member is not assigned. In addition, members are to consider schedule options that reduce multiple office visits. Schedules are able to be reviewed by the program supervisor who is responsible for meaningful planning to reduce visits to multiple office locations, as much as is possible and in consideration of health of self and others.</p>	<p>-Visitors to IU8 classrooms will continue to be limited to those individuals providing an educational service to students.</p> <p>-Family members of students will be able to access an IU8 classroom for a planned and scheduled educational event, or when scheduled to meet with teacher(s) or service providers.</p> <p>-Evaluations of students are expected to be conducted in-person with health & safety top-of-mind.</p> <p>-In-person meetings with parents are prioritized, with virtual options made available to parents when this option would promote family engagement through a more flexible option for our families. Document manner of participation accurately on all documents, noting anyone who participated in a virtual or phone manner.</p> <p>-Non-essential visitors and volunteers are not permitted in IU8 classrooms.</p> <p>-Any program seeking a request from a cooperating university for Fall placements must be brought to the Chief Education Officer for review. No in-person classroom observations are permitted without prior approval by Administration.</p> <p>-IU8 will follow the Health and Safety Plans of any site or location hosting an IU8 office, program, or classroom.</p>	<p>Jennifer Anderson</p> <p>Janel Vancas</p> <p>Jason McMillen</p> <p>Karlie Travis-Shook</p> <p>David Stultz</p> <p>All Professional Staff</p> <p>All Support Staff</p>	<p>coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms.pdf</p>	<p>locations and settings to reduce and/or prohibit non-essential individuals from entering IU8 offices and classrooms to the greatest extent necessary.</p>
* Handling sporting	<p>- Recommended guidance will be followed</p>	<p>-Any outside equipment used by children, like playground equipment, will</p>	<p>*Dr. Woomer</p>		<p>N- The adults who are assisting and</p>

activities for recess and physical education classes consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports	for outdoor spaces like playgrounds.	<p>have normal, routine cleaning. Per CDC guidance, outdoor equipment does not require disinfecting. Staff who supervise children using outdoor equipment will be mindful of routine cleaning of high touch surfaces like railings and grab bars. Wooden surfaces require no more cleaning than would be typical.</p> <p>-Physical movement and activity is critically important for all children. IU8 staff will plan physical activities for movement and play.</p>	<p>*Julie Della</p> <p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>IU8 Program Supervisors</p> <p>All Professional Staff</p> <p>All Support Staff</p>	<p>Considerations for Youth Sports Administrators https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html</p> <p>Cleaning, Disinfecting, & Ventilation https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html</p>	supporting learners are able to consider the environments, both inside and outside, that support physical movement and play to determine how those environments can be cleaned.
Cleaning of shared materials.	-Same as in Low Transmission	<p>-Clean instructional materials between uses and disinfect if appropriate.</p> <p>-Clean shared materials when appropriate.</p>	<p>*Dr. Woomer</p> <p>*Julie Della</p> <p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>IU8 Program Supervisors</p> <p>All Professional Staff</p> <p>All Support Staff</p>	<p>Cleaning, Disinfecting, & Ventilation https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html</p>	N - Program supervisors in collaboration with the staff will review the environment(s) to identify shared items, and methods to clean and/or disinfect shared materials, as needed.
Continue awareness of distancing when appropriate and reasonable.	-Same as in Low Transmission	-Every member entering our buildings and/or classrooms must be mindful of how to access and navigate common spaces to recognize the impact distancing can have on contact/exposure and health and safety of self and others.	<p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>David Stultz</p> <p>Dr. Woomer</p> <p>Satellite Office Managers</p>	<p>Physical Distancing Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools CDC</p> <p>Please Wear a Mask https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth</p>	N

			Program Supervisors	-face-covering-building-entrance.pdf Guidance for Wearing Masks https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html How to Wear and Take Off Your Mask https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf	
Transportation practices	-Same as in Low Transmission	-IU8 does contract with various transportation agencies who provide individualized transportation to students. IU8's transportation coordinator will work collaboratively with all transporters to affirm the federal requirement for all persons to mask while on transportation.	*Patty Motchenbaugh Jason McMillen Karlie Travis-Shook Dr. Butler Dr. Woomer Julie Della Program Supervisors Professional & Support Staff Transporting Students	Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-Emergency Transport Vehicles https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/disinfecting-transport-vehicles.html	N

Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students	-Same as in Low Transmission	<p>-Where appropriate, student groups when practicing “cohorting” will be limited to the classroom each is participating for all activities.</p> <p>-Where determined appropriate, times for activity and play for our youngest learners may be scheduled and planned in coordination with other classrooms so all may be afforded access to shared spaces.</p>	Dr. Butler Dr. Woomer Julie Della Program Supervisors Program Coordinators Professional & Support Staff Transporting Students		N
Coordinating with local childcare regarding on site care, transportation protocol changes and, when possible, revised hours of operation or modified school-year calendars	-Same as in Low Transmission	<p>-IU8 will collaborate with all community partners to work within the guidelines established by the center and IU8, reflective of health & safety recommendations.</p> <p>-Program supervisors may need to consider “crosswalks” between center plans and IU8’s plans to ensure the highest standard of safety is followed while continuing to provide educational services to students participating with both centers and IU8.</p> <p>-Transportation will follow guidelines listed in section on transportation, above.</p>	Dr. Butler Dr. Woomer Julie Della Jason McMillen Karlie Travis-Shook Patty Motchenbaugh Program Supervisors Program Coordinators Professional Staff Members	Copies of collaborative partners’ Health & Safety plans for review and use as each applies to programs and services provided by IU8.	Y- H&S Plans developed and provided to IU by collaborative partners will be reviewed across program supervisors and with staff so appropriate planning and consideration of each location’s standards for health and safety.

Domain Summary: Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

The Intermediate Unit is an educational service agency serving multiple counties and across a variety of educational settings, both school-based and community based. As such, IU8's Health and Safety (H&S) Plan will reflect areas and locations within and outside IU8's locus of control. For those areas within IU8's locus of control, we will follow the plans and protocols established by IU8's team and outlined across IU8's H&S Plan. For any location outside of IU8's locus of control, we will review the H&S plans developed by our collaborative partners and school districts and practice the health & safety as established, to the best of our ability.

All guidance for public schools has identified social distancing as a priority measure across all environments. As such, IU8 will honor the social distancing guidelines to the greatest extent that is possible, while also recognizing our responsibility to provide meaningful and necessary educational supports and services to all learners. IU8 will apply the action steps to social distance our learners, adjust our practices with any meals or snacks for our learners, prioritizing proper and frequent handwashing, and adjust our practices to significantly limit or prevent non-essential personnel and visitors to IU8 locations. The Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols section of our plan outlines the specific steps IU8 has planned and will employ across various settings and locations. We will review, adjust and update this section as needed in response to changes in health and safety guidance for schools, as well as in response to our local needs.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health					
Requirements	Action Steps under Moderate, Substantial, and High Level of Community Transmission or local cases.	Action Steps under Low Transmission	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure	-Same as Low Transmission	<p>-Students: Using the CDC Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 sheet as guidance, parents will complete a self-monitoring check on their child(ren) each morning before the school day.</p> <p>-Parents must ensure that no child(ren) with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school if the child(ren) is/ are experiencing symptoms or an illness.</p> <p>-If any child is showing signs/symptoms related to COVID, staff will distance or isolate the student and contact the parent to arrange for the student to return home.</p>	<p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Dr. Woormer</p> <p>Julie Della</p> <p>Jennifer Anderson</p>	<p>Stay Home When You are Sick: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/StayHomeFromWork_Horizontal.pdf</p> <p>Considerations before entering a building: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/Please-Read.pdf</p>	Y- All members, across all departments will be provided sessions for review of the H&S Plan, as well as review of the Guide provided to every member of the organization

		<p>-Staff: On a daily basis and using the CDC Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 sheet as guidance, staff will complete a self-monitoring check for symptoms.</p> <p>-If any staff, student or other individual becomes ill at any IU8 location, meeting or training, it would be recommended that the individual consider leaving to go home.</p> <p>-IU8 members will refer to the Team Guide and COVID Guide for additional information</p> <p>-Any cases of COVID by a member of the IU8 organization must report using the secure absence system to alert IU8 administration. Administration will work directly with the individual to assist and support per individual report.</p>			
<p>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</p>	<p>-Same as in Low Transmission</p>	<p>Students: Classrooms will have designated areas where students can be distanced or isolated should they arrive ill. Given the individual circumstances of our classroom locations and our student population, the isolation space may be a separate area within the classroom location or at another location in the building. Students may be provided a face covering while in isolation until a parent/guardian arrives.</p> <p>Staff: Refer to the COVID Guide</p>	<p>All Administration</p> <p>All Professional Staff</p> <p>All Support Staff</p>	<p>When to wear gloves: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html</p> <p>Quarantine vs. Isolation: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID-19-Quarantine-vs-Isolation.pdf</p> <p>What to do if you are sick: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-</p>	<p>Y- All members can review the H&S Plan, as well as all Guides provided.</p>

				when-sick.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsteps-when-sick.html	
* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school	Same as in Low Transmission	<p>Students: Parents must facilitate a daily screening of their child. If the child has any of the symptoms outlined, the child may not report and the parent is to consult with the child's pediatrician. Parents are asked to notify the classroom teacher if the absence may be COVID-19 related.</p> <p>If a child is directed by the medical professional to remain in their home, the child would not be able to return to a classroom without medical advice/guidance and release to do so.</p> <p>Staff: All staff have been provided detailed information regarding steps for return-to-work as outlined in an IU8 issued Guide.</p>	<p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Dr. Woomer</p> <p>Julie Della</p> <p>Jason McMillen</p> <p>Karlie Travis-Shook</p> <p>Janel Vancas</p> <p>Jennifer Anderson</p> <p>Dr. Maurer</p>	<u>COVID-19: When to Quarantine CDC</u>	Y- All members can review the H&S Plan, as well as all Guides provided.
Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school-year changes in safety protocols	-Same as in Low Transmission	<p>-Students and families: IU8 will exercise regularly used communication pathways including the IU8 website to notify students and families of school closures and within-school-year changes in safety protocols.</p> <p>-Parent notification will be provided when needed using various methods (may be a phone call, email, letter, etc.) to keep parents updated with information.</p>	<p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Dr. Woomer</p> <p>Julie Della</p> <p>Jennifer Anderson</p> <p>IU Program Supervisors</p>	IU-wide communication	

		<p>-The most current Board approved H&S Plan will be available on the IU8 website.</p> <p>-Staff: IU8 will use email accounts provided to every member of IU8 to communicate updates to health & safety plan and additional information related to schedule or calendar changes. IU8 email is the most dependable and accessible option as all staff have been provided a device and access has been confirmed for all members. Members may monitor IU8 email in a timely and consistent manner for access to updates and information to help them stay informed members of the organization. An IU8 facilitated alert system will be used where needed and appropriate to support health & safety of all members.</p>			
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Domain Summary: Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Other Considerations for Students and Staff					
Requirements	Action Steps under Moderate, Substantial, and High Level of Community Transmission or local cases.	Action Steps under Low Transmission	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness	-Same as in Low Transmission	<p>-Students: In collaboration with families, IEP teams may review and consider the individual health needs of the child with complex needs. Teams may develop specialized plans for methods of instruction that may reduce overall exposure to others when conditions make this planning reasonable & appropriate.</p> <p>-Classrooms will be equipped with masks, gloves, cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer. Scheduled cleaning protocols are established for before, during and after instructional days.</p> <p>Staff: Staff who are at higher risk are provided information and recommendations by health organizations for their review and consideration.</p>	<p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Dr. Woomer</p> <p>Julie Della</p> <p>Jason McMillen</p> <p>Karlie Travis-Shook</p> <p>Janel Vancas</p> <p>Jennifer Anderson</p>	<p>People at Increased Risk</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html</p> <p>When to wear gloves</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html</p>	Y - All members of the child's team who provide direct service will be provided information, as appropriate and required, on the plan for service and any safety protocols.
* Use of face coverings by staff and students	-May be more widely instituted during circumstances of identified cases, outbreaks, or other conditions that warrant individual or universal masking.	<p>The CDC has recommended universal masking for all students and staff in an educational setting.</p> <p>IU8 recognizes the requirement to make a local determination on the use of masking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As such, IU8 continues to recommend the</p>	<p>Dr. Butler</p> <p>Dr. Woomer</p> <p>Julie Della</p> <p>Jason McMillen</p> <p>Karlie Travis-Shook</p> <p>Janel Vancas</p>	<p>Use Masks to Slow the Spread of COVID-19</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html</p>	N

		<p>practice of masking by adults in any location where the children being served present with underlying health conditions as an added layer of protection for the health and safety in those classroom environments with learners with complex health needs. (Please see section above, Protecting students and staff at higher risk of severe illness.)</p> <p>-Students who would be unable to remove a mask without assistance are not required to wear a face covering, staff will ensure all individuals who support the student are practicing safety precautions, including wearing a mask when providing direct service.</p> <p>-Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone with a hearing impairment or some other disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication, are not required to wear a mask and may use the clear shields with side/bottom fabric purchased by IU and available to staff, during service delivery. Implement distancing to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>-In all locations where an IU8 operated classroom is hosted by a school district, classrooms and IU8 personnel will continue to follow the health and safety practices established for all adults and students at the district and/or building location.</p>	<p>Jennifer Anderson</p> <p>All Professional Staff</p> <p>All Support Staff</p>		
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		<p>-In all locations where IU8 operates classrooms in collaboration with a cooperating agency, IU8 staff will coordinate with the agency to determine health and safety practices for both adults and students.</p> <p>-In all IU8 office locations, masking is at the discretion of the adult, however, all adults must continue to be aware of the guidelines that apply to determining close contact, which does trigger a period of quarantine, based on vaccination status of the adult. We will continue to follow the close contact and isolation standard outlined in the IU8 COVID Guide.</p>			
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Domain Summary: Other Considerations for Students and Staff

Health and Safety Plan Professional Development					
Topic	Audience	Lead Person & Position	Session Format	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	Date
Health & Safety Plan	All IU8 Associates	Dr. Butler Dr. Woomer Julie Della Jennifer Anderson Supervisors	Various	Health and Safety Plan and identified materials, resources and supports outlined in the H&S Plan, IU8 Employee Guide	Ongoing and as necessary and responsive to PDE, OCDEL, PA-DOH, CDC, and the Governor's Office.

