



## Health and Safety Plan Summary

### COLUMBIA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Initial Effective Date: June 17, 2021**

**\*This plan has been revised and adopted on the following dates: June 17, 2021, August 2, 2021, August 19, 2021, February 17, 2023 March 1, 2023, August 18, 2023, January 19, 2023.**

**\*This plan has been reviewed on August 1, 2023.**

*\*As per the June 4, 2021 requirement by PDE, "The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools." The school district will follow this directive for any future necessary revisions.*

- 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?**

Columbia Borough School District is planning on opening school in-person to faculty, staff, and students for the 2023-2024 school year. The District will continue to monitor and abide by any existing, valid, or binding orders from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2023. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2023, the District administrative team will follow them, update the plan accordingly, and communicate to stakeholders.

- 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?**

For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will offer two (2) options for instruction, in-person learning and the Columbia Virtual Academy, set forth by the guidelines in the CVA Handbook. The District will provide a free breakfast and lunch for all students. The District will continue to provide social, emotional, and mental health support to students through the school counseling departments and the Student Assistance Program (SAP). If any faculty and/or staff member needs social, emotional, and mental health support, the District will provide education and make resources available on benefit packages and opportunities. District administration will continue to monitor the health of faculty, staff, and students and make decisions that provide the greatest access to educational opportunity while maintaining health and safety for faculty, staff, students, and community members.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will continue to monitor the applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, the District administration will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.

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/procedures/strategies, and a description of any such policy/procedure/strategy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>

<p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2023-2024 school year, the District will continue to provide specific accommodations relating to the health and safety of our students with disabilities as outlined in their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The District will follow and continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the CDC that are effective on or after August 11, 2022. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after August 11, 2022, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lancaster County does not have a local department of health, so the District will seek guidance and support from state health officials when prudent and necessary. The District will continue to monitor CDC requirements and guidance documents.</li> </ul>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for COLUMBIA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT reviewed the Health and Safety Plan on January 19, 2023.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

X Yes (7/9)

       No ( /9)

Affirmed on: 1/19/2023

By: Charles Leader  
CHARLES LEADER

*(Print Name of Board President)*

\*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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