

# ARP ESSER Health & Safety Plan

July 22, 2021



The School District of Haverford Township

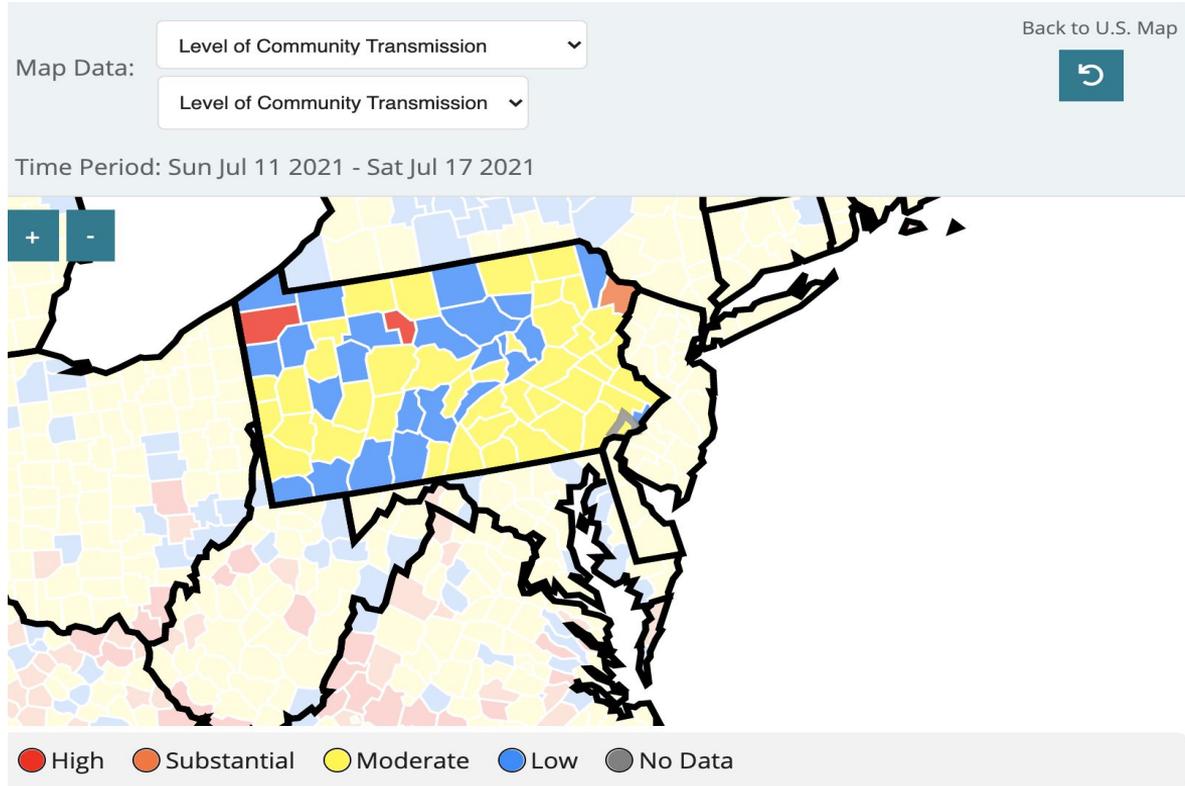
# ARP ESSER Funds and Our Health & Safety Plan

- All schools receiving funds through the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency School are required to have a Health & Safety Plan submitted to PDE by July 30, 2021
- PDE website:
  - “Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines ...”
  - “The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools...”

# Data to drive decisions:

- The plan allows flexibility to address changes in COVID-19 data reflective of Delaware County. We will monitor the following (within the time period it is made available):
  - Positivity rate - available through CDC
  - Incidence rate - available through CDC
  - Vaccination rate - not yet available
- If provided data specific to our township, that data set will take priority over Delaware County data.

# CDC data - Delaware County



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<b>Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected</b>	<b>Low Transmission Blue</b>	<b>Moderate Transmission Yellow</b>	<b>Substantial Transmission Orange</b>	<b>High Transmission Red</b>
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs <sup>1</sup> that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

# Vaccination Rate for Delaware County

<b>People Vaccinated</b>	<b>At Least One Dose</b>	<b>Fully Vaccinated</b>
Total	385,419	320,831
% of Total Population	68%	56.6%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	385,307	320,774
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	79.5%	66.2%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	359,317	300,531
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	81.3%	68%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	97,105	83,814
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	99.9%	88.2%

[See more information on what these data mean.](#)

# Comments

- We received roughly 156 comments from community members
  - 112 indicated a desire for staff and students to wear masks when indoors
    - Some indicated masks should be required for all while others indicated masks should be required for those not fully vaccinated
  - 44 indicated a desire for masking to be optional for staff and students

# Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

- During the 21-22 school year the district will monitor community transmission, vaccination rates, and use of screening testing to determine when masks will be required of unvaccinated students and staff.
- During times of low and moderate transmission in Delaware County (average daily cases at 0-49 per 100,000 over a 7 day period according to CDC data) masks will be optional for all staff and students.
- The district will support all individuals who prefer to continue to wear a mask.

# Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

- During times of substantial to high transmission the district will require masks for unvaccinated students and staff.
- Per the federal order, masks will be required on school buses regardless of vaccination status.
- The CDC recommends individuals who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask when indoors. We recommend indoor masking for those not fully vaccinated.

# Modifying facilities to allow for physical distance

- Pennsylvania lifted its Order for physical distancing and occupancy limits on May 31, 2021. With the lifting of the Order, all school buildings and offices will not require specific social distancing requirements.
- In accordance with the CDC guidance, the School District will maintain 3 feet of physical distancing where possible.
- The district will consider any additional recommendations from the CDC or the health department for additional mitigation strategies when these recommendations are available.
- The district will limit visitors into buildings.

# Hand washing and respiratory etiquette

- Best practice encourages hand washing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snacks, transition back to class from being outside, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. The district will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices.
- The district will have available hand sanitizer in strategic locations of high traffic areas.
- The district will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.

# Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities; including improving ventilation

- The district utilizes EPA approved disinfectants for use against COVID 19. There will be routine cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, common areas, and office spaces.
- If there is a case of COVID-19, cleaning and disinfecting of the area will take place.
- The district will ensure the ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible. The district will change filters regularly for these systems.

# Contract Tracing, Quarantine, and Isolation

- Report all confirmed cases of COVID-19 that are reported to the district to the health department
- The district will provide a list of close contact(s) of individuals who were in contact with the COVID-19 positive individual while at school
- The district will support and implement public health guidance on isolation and quarantines. The district has adopted the modified quarantine as outlined by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Chester County Health Department.
- A student, staff member, or contractor who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is a probable case, shall notify their direct supervisor or principal immediately. Guidance on isolation will be provided to the individual.
- A student, staff member, or contractor who was in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case, must notify the program administrator/principal immediately. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or health department.

# Diagnostic and Screening Testing

- The district will follow its *Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy* for guidance on communicable diseases as COVID-19 is classified as such.
- Maintain adequate PPE (masks, gloves, etc.)
- Staff, contractors, and students must self-screen prior to entering the district and stay at home if experiencing any symptoms.
- Staff, children, students, and clients who are ill must stay home from work, programs, and schools.
- Staff, children, students, and clients shall be sent home if they become ill at work, school, program or service.
- Students, staff and contractors shall report immediately to their immediate supervisor/principal if they are COVID-19 positive or were in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or health department.
- The district may implement a rapid antigen testing program for individuals who become symptomatic during the program, school or working hours.

# Efforts to provide vaccinations to school community

- The district will provide information to families on vaccine clinics and/or how to get a COVID-19 vaccine for their child or family member.
- A link to [vaccine.gov](https://www.vaccine.gov) will be posted on the district website to assist families in finding a location where the vaccine is available.

# Accommodations to student with disabilities with respect to health & safety policies

- For students with disabilities with medical diagnosis that require a prescribed health and safety plan, the IEP team may reconvene to develop specially designed instruction or strategies to meet the needs of the student.

# Coordination with state and local health officials

- The district will report cases of COVID-19 and its efforts on contact tracing with the health department.
- The district will consult with the health department on specific cases or issues as needed.

# Instructional Time Template

- We are submitting our instructional time template to reflect 5 full days of instruction across the district.

# Questions