



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021.

Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.

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 for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of [masks](#);
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for [physical distancing](#) (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#);
- d. [Cleaning](#) and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving [ventilation](#);
- e. [Contact tracing](#) in combination with [isolation](#) and [quarantine](#), in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. [Diagnostic](#) and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 [vaccinations to school communities](#);
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

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. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Eastern Lancaster County School District

Initial Effective Date: August 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: June 14, 2021

Date of Last Revision:

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?

1. 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?

Eastern Lancaster County School District has a core planning team consisting of administrators, supervisors, teachers, support staff and operations and facilities personnel. We have conducted a SWOT analysis to determine all needs of the school district and which educational, SEL, mental health, and support needs are most important to address as a result of COVID-19. We will use this analysis to continue to keep our schools open and provide education for all our learners. We will continue to meet our learners where they are in academics, emotional and mental support, as well as support through our social workers, health care providers, and our food services personal in order to continue moving our learners forward.

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
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	Eastern Lancaster County School District will follow CDC and PA DOH recommendations as to the use of masks and the correct wearing of masks in/on all District properties.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Classroom spaces and other spaces are configured for instructional needs and if necessary, based on advice of PA DOH, will be reconfigured for maximum social distancing when possible and organized using cohorts where learners are grouped together with limited interaction with other groups. Building schedules and routines

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	will be developed so transitions and/or the amount of people in hallways and cafeteria can be limited if necessary based on the advice of PA DOH.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	Staff and learners will receive training on appropriate hygiene to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This training will include increased hand washing and or sanitizing. Signs will be posted in classrooms, hallways, and common areas which outline practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	All high touch surfaces will be cleaned daily. Air filters in schools will be changed quarterly. Classrooms, common areas, and buses will be ventilated as much as possible. Staff will be provided with disinfectant spray and will be encouraged to use it on high touch surfaces. All cleaning products meet OSHA and CDC requirements, and all staff are trained in proper use of these materials.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Contacts will be traced through the contact tracing system implemented by the district in accordance with PA DOH requirements and this information will be given to PA DOH for further tracing as needed.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Learners and staff sent home with COVID-19 symptoms will be strongly encouraged to seek medical attention and until the district receives a doctor's note or notice of test results, the learners and staff must quarantine for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms. In addition, quarantined individuals will be given the appropriate information on testing in order and told to quarantine based on symptom development and/or diagnostic testing. If the recommendations from the CDC or PA DOH change regarding diagnostic and screening testing, the District will follow those changes and update the plan accordingly.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	The District has worked closely with IU13 to provide vaccination opportunities to faculty, staff, and learners in the ELANCO

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	SD. The district will continue to support vaccination and promote it through faculty, parent, and community communications.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Sanitation procedures, facial coverings, and social distancing will be addressed based on individual learner needs with a focus on meeting their needs, as well as the health and safety of others working in the classroom.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	At present, the Superintendent, HR Director, and Lead School Nurse meet weekly with our local DOH liaison to receive updates as information on COVID continues to evolve. Our school nurses are in constant contact with PA DOH working with contact tracing and answering health questions school nurses may have with learners. We expect to continue this contact as needed during the 21-22 school year.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Eastern Lancaster County School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 21, 2021**.

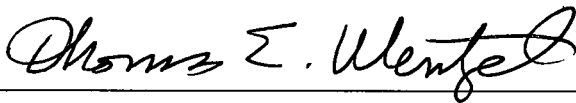
The plan was approved by a vote of:

 9 Yes

 0 No

Affirmed on: **June 21, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Thomas E. Wentzel

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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