

Health and Safety Plan Summary: TWIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Initial Effective Date: July 20, 2021

Date of Last Review: October 13, 2021

Date of Last Revision: October 18, 2021

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 health and safety of the Twin Valley School District (TVSD) staff and students remains, as always, the top priority for the organization. The TVSD Leadership Team and Pandemic Team continue to take critical steps and make decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, TVSD has identified organizational standards and expectations, which outline the protocols expected of all staff members as the organization transitions forward. Protocols include the following:

- Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting requirements
- Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Use of face coverings as required through mandates and orders.
- Option to clean and disinfect one's workspace
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols to the maximum extent possible
- Staying informed of CDC's guidance
- Participating in required training (current employees as well as new hires as part of their onboarding process)

Expectations are based on the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Leadership Team and Pandemic Team will continue to monitor communications. As conditions change related to COVID-19, protocols are subject to change.

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?

TVSD educational programs are planning for a return to full, in-person instruction in the Fall of 2021, pending any change in mandates from PDE/DOH.

TVSD educational programs and services may shift between in-person and virtual depending on health circumstances, as Administration determines appropriate/necessary and/or as directed by DOH. TVSD has applied for and been granted emergency instructional time authorization and will consider multiple factors of student and staff health, safety, and well-being when making decisions

regarding instructional models.

TVSD employees are provided guidance to contact their appropriate personal health care provider for social, emotional, and mental health services. Employees are encouraged to contact the Human Resources Department for additional information, support, and guidance on an individual basis.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal and correct wearing of masks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to follow all orders and mandates related to universal and correct wearing of masks as required. The District mask exemption procedure will continue to be followed. • Staff are expected to stay informed of the latest information and resources available and are encouraged to visit CDC's website, which includes but is not limited to universal and correct wearing of masks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVSD will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, CDC, and OCDEL relative to physical distancing. • Physical distancing, to the maximum extent feasible, will continue to be recommended for indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status, if required by mandates and orders.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwashing and respiratory etiquette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate handwashing and respiratory etiquette is expected from all individuals on District property and/or events associated with the District. • Protocols include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Washing one's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. ○ If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer). ○ Avoid touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth ○ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into one's elbow. ○ Increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVSD will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC related to cleaning and ventilation. • The use of universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases will continue to be implemented as appropriate. Hand sanitizer and cleaning materials will remain available. • Limiting shared materials and use of toys that cannot be easily cleaned will continue to the extent appropriate.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will continue to be encouraged to share in the cleaning and disinfecting of shared equipment and/or furniture/items within one's office/classroom. • Additional cleaning and disinfecting measures/protocols may be required as deemed appropriate or directed by DOH depending on circumstances.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH considers COVID-19 a communicable disease. As such, it is among DOH's listing of reportable diseases. • Staff are required to report a suspected or known case of COVID-19 to their supervisor within 12 hours. • Staff must follow the recommendation of their attending physician. • TVSD will report positive Covid cases as well as close contacts to DOH per PA School Code.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic and screening testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are required to follow the recommendation of their attending physician and/or DOH directive(s) as it relates to diagnostic and screening testing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, students, and community members are encouraged to discuss the vaccination options with their attending physician.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be addressed through the IEP process. • Accommodations may include, but not limited to, adapted service delivery models, (i.e. teleintervention, individualized services, when appropriate and/or other health and safety precautions as outlined in an individualized health plan).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with state and local health officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As with any communicable disease, TVSD will contact DOH to report a suspected or known case of COVID-19 and follow its guidance.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Twin Valley School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **October 18, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

5 Yes

3 No

Affirmed on: **October 18, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Gary McEwen

(Print Name of Board President)

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