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# Unionville-Chadds Ford School District School Reopening Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022 School Year

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District has developed the following Health and Safety plan for the reopening of our schools in the 2021-2022 school year based on our Guiding Principles for last school year. This plan was developed by our administrative team with support and guidance from our school nurses, school physician, members of our teaching staff, other support staff and community members. This includes a task force composed of medical professionals, teachers, students, Board members, and administrators.

## Health and Safety Plan: Unionville-Chadds Ford School District

### Pandemic Coordinator/Team

Individual(s)	Stakeholder Group Represented	Pandemic Team Roles and Responsibilities (Options Above)
Dr. John Sanville	Superintendent	Plan Development and Crisis Response
Tim Hoffman	Assistant Superintendent	Pandemic Coordinator: Plan Development and Crisis Response
Michael Audevard	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	Plan Development and Crisis Response

<b>Dr. Leah Reider</b>	Director of Pupil Services	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Justin Webb</b>	Director of Technology	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>James Whitesel</b>	Director of Facilities	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Dr. Michelle Lafferty</b>	Principal: Unionville Elementary	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Pat Clark</b>	Assistant Principal: Unionville High School	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Dr. Steve Dissinger</b>	Principal: Patton Middle School	Crisis Response
<b>Christa Fazio</b>	Director of Communications and Community Relations	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Allison Newbrough</b>	Lead Nurse: Unionville High School	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Maia Walter</b>	Nurse: Hillendale Elementary	Plan Development
<b>John Walsh</b>	Teacher: Patton Middle School	Plan Development
<b>Pat Crater</b>	Director of Student Activities	Plan Development and Crisis Response
<b>Marco Sordi</b>	Supervisor of Transportation	Plan Development and Crisis Response

## Guiding Principles

### #1 KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

UCFSD Pandemic Team utilized the following information to develop the Health and Safety Plan in our efforts to keep our community safe:

- [CDC Guidance](#)
- PA Department of Health Guidance (defers to CDC guidance)
- [Chester County Health Department Guidance](#)

- [American Academy of Pediatrics Guidance](#)
- Task Force Feedback (07/08/2021, 07/28/2021, 12/16/2021)
- Feedback from parents, staff, and students
- Community Thought Exchange Feedback (12/22/2021 and 01/04/2022)
- Survey regarding masking (01/05/2022)
- [UCFSD Summer Health and Safety Plan](#)
- Consultation with Dr. Salwa Sulieman (Pediatric Infectious Diseases Physician, A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children)
- [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia \(CHOP\) PolicyLab Guidance](#)

## **#2 PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Prioritize in-person instruction to meet the educational needs of all students.
- Provide an online educational option for families.
- Commit to continuous improvement and professional development.

## **#3 SUPPORT STUDENTS AND STAFF SOCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY**

- Reconnect students to their teachers and classmates.
- Commit to building a strong school community by prioritizing relationships.
- Provide mental and behavioral health support.
- Preserve meaningful in-person and virtual events.
- Continue to offer athletics and extracurricular activities as conditions allow

## **#4 - DO OUR PART TO END THE PANDEMIC**

- Be responsive to the changing conditions and guidance to help reduce the impact of COVID-19 in our schools and in our community

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary: Unionville-Chadds Ford School District**

**Initial Effective Date:** (8/17/2021)

**Date of Last Review:** (08/09/2021, 01/10/2022, 02/14/2022, 02/24/2002, 02/28/2022)

**Date of Last Revision:** (08/09/2021, 08/15/201, 02/24/2022, 02/28/2022)

- 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 District will stay current with Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH), and Chester County Health Department (CCHD) guidance. In the interest of being able to act quickly to changing circumstances and conditions the Board of School Directors authorizes the Superintendent to make adjustments to the Health and Safety Plan as conditions warrant.

### **Response to a Positive COVID-19 Case**

- Families of students who have tested positive for COVID-19 should keep their child at home, contact the attendance office and email the school nurse for instructions. Individuals who have tested positive should refer to the CCHD website for isolation guidelines and contact their healthcare provider if needed.

### **Contact Tracing**

- All County school districts have been directed by the Chester County Health Department to discontinue contact tracing. If you learn that your child has been a close contact outside of school, please follow the CCHD's quarantine guidelines and consult with your family's healthcare provider as needed.

## COVID-19 Mitigation Practices

- **Symptom Screening.** It is important that families continue to screen their children before sending them to school. If your child is ill or has any COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay home from school.
- **Masking.** All UCFSD schools and facilities will operate under a mask optional policy.

### 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?

Our plan is to offer in-person instruction to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. We will provide an online educational option through UCFVA and BVA. The UCFVA program will be an asynchronous program provided by BVA teachers in grades K-8. In grades 9-12, the District will use a combination of online courses taught by UCF teachers and BVA teachers, depending on the courses that a student selects.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, shall develop a Health and Safety Plan in forms and manners prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education that ensures a minimum of 180 days of instruction, allowing for a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level, employing any combination of in-person, virtual, and cyber learning as the District, from time to time during this pandemic and Section 520.1 emergency, deems appropriate to address the health and safety of students, faculty, and community, and the learning needs of students. Such instruction shall comply in full with the requirement of Chapter 4 of the regulations of the State Board of Education and with the curriculum standards published in accordance therewith (from the Board Resolution regarding Section 520.1 which is approved in conjunction with this document).

Students that need to quarantine or that are COVID-positive will receive continuity of services using the following protocols:

#### **Secondary Protocol for COVID-19 Continuity of Instruction**

- Allow remoting into class for COVID-19 Quarantine or COVID-19 illness only.
- Teacher needs at least one day of lag time to prepare for a student who will be remoting into class.
- While remoting into class, the teacher would have discretion to decide if the student can only observe the activity or can interact depending on the lesson.

- Assessments would not be allowed remotely and will be completed when the student returns to in-person instruction.
- Students remoting in would need to:
  - Engage in the learning process
  - Dress appropriately
  - Complete work from the classes
  - Turn cameras on
- Students who are healthy and quarantining will be expected to submit their work daily or in accordance with the teacher's expectations for their assignments.
- Students with COVID-19, who are sick, will have up to the number of days missed to complete and turn in all assignments for the time period they were out sick.

### **Elementary Protocol for COVID-19 Continuity of Instruction**

- Remoting into class will not be allowed.
- Asynchronous work will be provided for COVID-19 Quarantine or COVID-19 illness.
- Teachers need a one-day lag time to prepare student work in Seesaw and/or through physical materials to be picked up/sent home (packets, worksheets, manipulatives, etc.).
- Students who are healthy and quarantining will be expected to submit their work daily or in accordance with the teacher's expectations for their assignments.
- Students with COVID-19 will have up to the number of days missed to complete and turn in all assignments for the time period they were out sick.
- Questions regarding assignments should be sent through Seesaw or directly to the teacher's UCFSD email account. The teacher will respond within 24 hours.

### **Staff/Student Social/Emotional Health**

- A comprehensive and robust student activities and athletics program will provide opportunities for all students to get involved in the school and make connections with peers.
- Ongoing data collection including attendance, grades, social work referrals, and risk screenings.
- Information from the Devereux Student Strengths Assessments (DESSA) will be used to guide decision making.
- The [Social Emotional Learning Vision Statement](#) will serve as a reference to support decisions.
- Virtual calming rooms will be provided at all levels available on school and District websites.
- Additional behavioral health team members at the secondary level will be contracted during the 2021-2022 school year.

- Incorporate student wellness activities in all buildings.
- Re-entry and transition plans and activities will be developed in each building for students and staff to reconnect with the school and each other.
- Plans to hold in-person Spring and End of Year events as scheduled. Visitors are welcome in accordance with District policies including adherence to the UCFSD Health and Safety Plan.
- Guest ridership policy on school buses will be re-instituted.
- Seats will no longer be assigned for the purpose of COVID-related contact tracing. Seats may be assigned by staff in all school settings as appropriate.
- Plexiglass barriers will be removed at lunch at the elementary level.
- Field trips may resume, provided there is nursing coverage and transportation available.

### **Student/Staff Physical Health**

- School nurses will follow School Board Policy 203 related to communicable diseases including COVID-19 in addition to training staff and students on proper hand-washing and respiratory etiquette.
- Students and staff should report any exposures to COVID-19 or positive test results to the school nursing staff and/or to the coaching/athletic staff.
- Encourage staff and students who are sick to stay home.
- The school district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use by staff and students, including KN95 masks for staff.
- Routine cleaning of any utilized spaces will be performed each evening. Additional cleaning and disinfection of high touch spaces will be implemented on an as needed basis.
- HVAC systems will be programmed to bring in as much outside air that our systems will safely allow.
- Any demand controlled ventilation (DCV) will be disabled in order to maintain a constant air flow throughout the day.
- HVAC systems will run for a minimum of 2 hours before and after the building is occupied to refresh air before arrival, and purge air at the end of the day.
- Portable HEPA air purifiers will be provided for all classrooms and small office spaces to further enhance clean air exchange rates and improve indoor air quality.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be maintained in each entrance area, and students and staff will be encouraged to use them before entering the buildings.
- Touch-free wall mounted hand sanitizer dispensers will be maintained throughout the buildings and in classrooms.
- Set up classrooms and workspaces to ensure there is a minimum of 3 feet of distance between students and staff, when feasible.

- School nurses will continue to perform COVID-19 diagnostic testing on symptomatic staff and students in school or refer out for testing if the individual is exhibiting symptoms in school.
- Students and staff returning to school after isolation or quarantine should notify the school prior to return.
- Isolated or quarantined individuals may be required to provide medical notes to return to sports.

### Food Services

All students will have the opportunity to receive a free school breakfast and lunch through the continuation of the FFCRA through the Continuing Appropriations Act 2021 and Other Extensions Act. Lunch periods will be scheduled into the instructional day as usual.

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
<p>a. <b>Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</b></p>	<p>Should the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH), or the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) mandate masking we will do the following:</p> <p>All staff, students, and visitors will wear masks indoors while on school property, school field trips, or when using school vehicles unless they have a documented medical condition that would prevent the wearing of a mask except in special circumstances related to student needs or special activities (e.g. PE, Athletics, eating/drinking in the cafeteria).</p> <p>Any staff member or student engaging in high exertion outdoor activities including, but not limited to, athletics, exercise, or play activities will not be required to wear a mask when actively engaged in those activities.</p> <p>Masks will be provided to staff and students as needed.</p> <p>Masks will not be required while eating in the cafeteria but are required for students when moving about the cafeteria, going to the restroom, etc.</p> <p>Mask breaks for students will be allowed outside with clear supervision by a staff member.</p>



	<p>Bus drivers do not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.</p> <p>Staff that are working alone inside/outside may take off their mask.</p> <p>Masks allowed will fit <a href="#">CDC guidelines</a>. Face shields will not be allowed as a substitute for a mask unless an individual's health plan requires an alternative to masks.</p>
<p><b>b. <a href="#">Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</b></p>	<p>Should the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH), or the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) mandate physical distancing, we will do the following to the extent possible:</p> <p>Provide for 3-6 feet of distancing during lunch.</p> <p>Minimize student movement in the halls and provide for one-way traffic.</p> <p>Adjust or eliminate lunch schedules.</p> <p>Teachers would maintain 3-6 feet from students.</p> <p>Parents would be encouraged to drive students to school when possible, to help reduce the volume of students on school buses.</p>
<p><b>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</b></p>	<p>We will consider current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH) and Chester County Health Department (CCHD), and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) guidance for schools.</p> <p>In the event that we decide to implement additional handwashing and respiratory etiquette in schools, we will consider implementing the following:</p> <p>School nurses will provide additional training to students and staff on correct procedures for handwashing. This will be in person and also nurses will create and share a PSA on the topic.</p> <p>Additional signs encouraging proper handwashing will be located throughout the buildings and in the bathrooms.</p> <p>Students will also be frequently reminded of appropriate etiquette when sneezing.</p>

<p>d. <b>Cleaning</b> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <b>ventilation</b>;</p>	<p>We will consider current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH) and Chester County Health Department (CCHD), and The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) guidance for schools.</p> <p>In the event that we decide to implement enhanced cleaning and ventilation above and beyond what is already being done in this health and safety plan, we will consider implementing the following:</p> <p>Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be implemented on an as needed basis.</p> <p>Additional portable HEPA air purifiers will be provided as needed and current HEPA filters will be changed as needed for all classrooms and small office spaces to further enhance clean air exchange rates and improve indoor air quality.</p>
<p>e. <b>Contact tracing</b> in combination with <b>isolation</b> and <b>quarantine</b>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>All County school districts have been directed by the Chester County Health Department to discontinue contact tracing.</p> <p>In the event that we are responsible to implement contact tracing, isolation, and quarantining in schools for COVID-19, we will support the Chester County Health Department in their efforts to conduct contact tracing.</p> <p>School nurses will provide each individual who is isolated or quarantining with the appropriate information and timeline for isolation/quarantine by the Chester County Health Department.</p>
<p>f. <b>Diagnostic</b> and screening testing;</p>	<p>We will consider current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH) and Chester County Health Department (CCHD), and The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) guidance for schools.</p> <p>In the event that we decide to implement diagnostic and screening testing in schools for COVID-19, we will do the following:</p> <p>School Nurses will follow CCHD guidance related to communicable diseases including COVID-19 for diagnostic and screening testing.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <b>vaccinations to school communities</b>;</p>	<p>We will consider current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH) and Chester County Health Department (CCHD), and The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) guidance for schools.</p>

	<p>In the event that we make efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities, we will do the following:</p> <p>We will communicate vaccine opportunities with our medical partners to families via email.</p> <p>Help facilitate vaccine clinics in conjunction with neighboring school districts for Chester County school district students.</p> <p>Host vaccine clinics on our campus as needed to provide vaccines to any of our students and parents of our students who wish to receive the vaccine.</p>
<p><b>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</b></p>	<p>For students with disabilities who are eligible for an IEP or a 504 Plan including those with a medical diagnosis that require a prescribed health and safety plan, the IEP team, 504 team, or building administration may reconvene to develop specially designed instruction or strategies to meet the needs of the student, and, if necessary, to consider reasonable accommodations to allow the student to continue in-person learning to the greatest extent practicable.</p> <p>IEP/GIEP/IST/504/Parent Conferences may be held virtually when feasible.</p>
<p><b>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</b></p>	<p>We will consider current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH) and Chester County Health Department (CCHD), and The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) guidance for schools.</p> <p>School nurses will follow CCHD guidance related to communicable diseases including COVID-19.</p> <p>School nurses will submit a line list of confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the Chester County Health Department biweekly. Line lists should be submitted to: <a href="mailto:disschools@chesco.org">disschools@chesco.org</a></p> <p>The District will consult with the Chester County Health Department regarding current health and safety protocols for school.</p> <p>Pandemic Coordinator / Superintendent will communicate changes to safety protocols and school closures on the school website and via electronic communications.</p>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on February 28, 2022.

The plan was approved by a vote of: 7-1

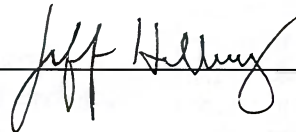
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No

Affirmed on: **February 28, 2022**

By:

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(Signature of Board President)



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Jeff Hellrung

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(Print Name of Board President)

Appendix A

[CCHD Quarantine Guidance for the General Public](#)

Appendix B

[CCHD Isolation Guidance for the General Public](#)

Appendix C

[Quarantine and Isolation Calculator for the General Public \(South Dakota Department of Health\)](#)

