

Stroudsburg Area School District

Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Initial Effective Date: August 15, 2022

Date of Last Review: 8 August 2023

Date of Last Revision: 17 August 2022, 16 August 2023

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 Stroudsburg Area School District (SASD) will utilize the modified Health and Safety Plan that was developed last year and re-approved by the SASD School Board on 16 August 2023 as a way to control the spread of COVID-19 and any other infectious disease. As a district, we reserve the right to follow Department of Health recommendations for the health and safety of students and staff. The 2023-24 school year will employ the updated health and safety plan with emphasis to prevent infectious disease, promote good hygiene, and provide resources to keep students and staff healthy and in school. The resources for the school and community are important to maintain as related to ARR/ESSR mandates. The Stroudsburg 2023-24 Health and Safety Plan (HSP) was developed utilizing a comprehensive approach that will utilize local levels of virus transmission as part of the process of determining the prevention strategies needed in our schools. We believe utilizing this total approach as a district would eliminate restrictions in providing five days per week of in-person instruction.

Staff and Students are expected to adhere to hygiene practices set forth by CDC and DOH. As requested, personal Protective Equipment will be utilized by staff and students in accordance with current CDC and DOH recommendations. Hand sanitizer, with at least 60% alcohol or hand washing locations, will be made available to all students, staff, and visitors. Staff and students will have access to paper towels or hand dryers, and no-touch trash cans will be located throughout our facilities and frequently trafficked areas. Students and staff will be required to stay home when exhibiting symptoms. All attendance policies will be followed as in pre-pandemic times.

As a school community, we must remain flexible and responsive and move as needed to a more or less restrictive environment based on infectious disease in our schools and will communicate those changes if and when necessary.

We want to stress in this plan that if your student is feeling ill and/or develops COVID-19 or any flu-like symptoms, please keep your student home. We are still following CDC guidance. Per CDC guidance, any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 may end isolation after day 5 if they are asymptomatic but will be required to adhere to strict mask use for days 6-10 in school. If the student is unable or unwilling to wear a mask during days 6-10 after testing positive, they would need to isolate at home for 10 full days. As Superintendent, I will also have the ability to pivot and reinstate required universal

masking in schools and on buses if any school exceeds a 5% positivity rate for a temporary 10-day period or if local infection rates warrant.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the student's academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Students and families have access to a variety of supports:

- a. Access to licensed social workers, guidance counselors, and school psychologists
- b. School-based Mental Health Committees/programs
- c. SHAPE (School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System)
- d. [SEL Instructional Practices/Supports \(Trauma Impacts of COVID-19\)](#)
- e. Monroe/Pike County residents- <https://members.ccbh.com/find-provider>
- f. As developed, partnerships with local health networks and their mental health departments
- g. [Athletics/Activities Socialization Plan](#)

Employees and students have access to a variety of Behavioral Health Supports that may include:

- a. SHAPE (School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System)
- b. Behavioral health support through employee benefits plan (employees only)
- c. Community resources
- d. As developed, partnerships with local health networks and their mental health departments, and school licensed social workers.

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
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks	SASD schools will provide a mask optional opportunity for students in our K-12 schools and on school buses with the superintendent charged with monitoring positivity rates and given the authority to pivot back to masking required based on said data. Please see the aforementioned under question #1 above.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The CDC states that social distancing should not become an impediment to our return in-person instruction.

<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></p>	<p>Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices: Staff and Students are expected to adhere to hygiene practices set forth by CDC and DOH. Hand soap or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels or hand air-dryers, and no-touch trash cans will be provided throughout the facilities and frequently trafficked areas.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Daily Cleaning Process: Implement/continue daily deep cleaning and sanitation procedures in buildings along with the increased/additional cleaning of high touch points and bathrooms in accordance with facility usage. All cleaning supplies and procedures will be in accordance with local, state, federal, CDC, and Department of Health recommendations.</p> <p>Distribution of Cleaning Supplies to Guests and Public Areas: Hand sanitizer to be made available at all staff and guest entrances.</p> <p>Distribution of Cleaning Supplies to Staff: Disinfectant wipes, gloves, and/or sanitizer will be available in offices and classrooms where staff can clean surfaces throughout the school day.</p> <p>Cleaning Supply Storage: Ensure safe and correct usage/storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing them securely away from students.</p> <p>Disinfection Process: Operations and Maintenance staff use approved disinfectants and a cleaning process that ensures proper dwell time, cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and horizontal surfaces, focusing on common gathering and public areas.</p> <p>Training and Instruction for Staff: Operations and Maintenance staff have and will continue to receive training and instruction relative to COVID-19, mitigating infection, and proper cleaning procedures.</p> <p>Personal Protection Equipment (PPE): All staff will be provided with face masks/face shields and PPE materials as needed or requested.</p> <p>Hygiene practices for students and staff</p>

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Posting signs and notifications, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs: Signage will be posted at entrances, bathrooms, and throughout the facility.

All high-touch surfaces will be disinfected regularly, including door handles, light switches, playground equipment, and student desks.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting will be performed in accordance with current CDC, and DOH guidelines. EPA-approved products will be used in accordance with labeling requirements and staff will be trained on how to appropriately use these products.

Custodial staff

- Continue everyday responsibilities and tasks
- Clean and disinfect excessively touched items throughout the day:
 - door knobs/handles, door frames
 - hand railings
 - light switches
 - printer/copiers
 - water bottle filling stations
 - Restrooms will be sanitized multiple times per day
- Vacuum/mop nightly
- Nightly, wipe down, clean, and disinfect:
 - Tables
 - Computers
 - Phones
 - Counters
- Electrostatic disinfectant or fog all rooms a minimum of once a week

Custodial/Maintenance PPE

	<p>PPE will be utilized in coordination with job duties performed and as indicated in guidelines set forth by the CDC and PA DOH</p> <p>Ventilation</p> <p>Building HVAC and Air Circulation: All building HVAC systems are regularly inspected, air filters are changed frequently and where available, additional fresh air has been increased. Buildings will maintain proper temperatures and air circulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase of outside air introduced to the building through our HVAC systems as much as is feasible within the limitations of the equipment • Where possible, windows will be opened in areas where the HVAC system is not capable of outside air transfer • HVAC filtration efficiency has been increased to MERV-13 where possible. • Following CDC guidance, all air handling systems throughout the district that transfer air between spaces have been upgraded to MERV-13 rated filtration. This is the level recommended by the CDC to protect against spread. • All in-room air handling systems that recirculate room air have been upgraded to MERV-13 filters where possible. • Any occupied rooms that lack filtration capability have been fitted with recirculating HEPA filters to clean the room air. • All nurse's offices and isolation rooms have been disconnected from the return air systems and provided with independent exhaust. • All isolation rooms are independent of the return air systems and exhausted to maintain negative air pressure within the room. • All air handling systems throughout the district have been evaluated by an outside engineering firm and have been modified to correct any performance deficiencies and set to maximize the amount of outside air within CDC recommendations.
<p>e. <u>Isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Students and staff should refrain from attending school if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals who have a positive COVID-19 test result, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms, those showing symptoms of COVID-19, or those who are awaiting test results need to be isolated.</p>

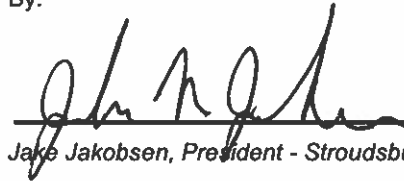
	<p>If an individual tests positive for COVID 19, they must be isolated for 5 days from symptom onset or 5 days from the date of the test, if asymptomatic. They may return to school on day 6 if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. In following the HSP, Covid positive students would be required to wear a mask for five days upon their return. Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to mask during days 6-10</p> <p>Up to 5 TEX days will be allowed per student per school year for COVID purposes only. Any COVID absences beyond the use of 5 TEX days will require a physician's excuse.</p>
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	<p>Individuals who are symptomatic will be sent home to complete a 5 day isolation period but may return if their COVID test was negative..</p>
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	<p>The district will continue to partner with local health networks to provide opportunities for staff, students, and their families to be vaccinated.</p> <p>Students shall provide documentation of vaccination records to the school nurse of their respective school.</p>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<p>Accommodations Plan for students receiving special education supports</p>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<p>The District's plan will follow CDC guidelines to the maximum extent practicable, acting in good faith and relying upon guidance from health officials.</p> <p>Other mitigation strategies would include an increase in handwashing and respiratory etiquette with a reminder to cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze, education and signage, and lessons within classrooms, encouraging those who are sick or have an illness to stay home, and where and when appropriate, get tested for COVID-19. We will continue to clean and disinfect our schools.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Stroudsburg Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 8, 2022. Revised on August 17, 2022** (by a vote of Yes/ No)

Affirmed on: **16 August 2023** by a vote of **8** **0**
Yes/ No

By:



Jake Jakobsen, President - Stroudsburg Area School District School Board

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