

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary: Council Rock School District**

**Initial Effective Date: September 10, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: September 21, 2023**

**Date of Last Revision: May 5, 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?**

This plan will continually be monitored to include updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), PA Department of Health (PA DoH), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). This guidance will be implemented in consultation with the Bucks County Health Department (BCHD). The plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary at the district level by the CRSD Health and Safety Plan Development Team as well as by building level teams. Any revisions will be recommended to the CRSD Board of School Directors for approval and changes will be communicated to students, staff, and the greater school community.

- 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?**

All school district operations will be implemented in the same manner as those in place prior to the pandemic; exceptions will be delineated within this document.

Additionally, the District will implement Targeted Temporary Mitigation (TTM), wherein mitigation decisions will be made in consultation with BCHD based on local data and for specific situations (e.g., one school, one bus, one classroom). Per BCHD, "targeted" means it's not a one-size-fits-all approach, and instead is in response to individual situations and needs. Mitigation measures should be crafted in order not to affect healthy, non-exposed individuals, when possible. "Temporary" means that all mitigation be time limited to meet the needs of the specific issue at hand, rather than imposed without a defined end.

Educational delivery for the 2021-22 school year:

- Instruction will resume on August 30, 2021 following the traditional schedule for each building.
- The following options will be available to families:
  - Face to face, in classroom instruction.
  - Approved homeschooling coordinated by the student's family with CRSD.
  - Bucks County Intermediate Unit Bridges Online Program

Student medical, social/emotional, and mental health needs will be addressed in the same manner as they have been when students and staff are physically attending school.

Schools will have a building specific process for assessing academic needs that may be interfering with overall progress and a process to identify and address student needs on a case-by-case basis. Similarly, each school community will be provided with a building specific protocol for staff, family, and students to identify and communicate needs related to physical and mental health.

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. <b>Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks are optional on all Council Rock School District properties, or when participating in District sponsored events. Masks will be an individual student/parent choice which also includes staff.</li> </ul>
b. <b>Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/ podding)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings will occur in person unless designated as virtual by the meeting organizer. If virtual, procedures will be in place for full participation of all involved.</li> </ul>
c. <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General hand hygiene practices will be practiced throughout the day.</li> <li>• Respiratory etiquette of covering mouth/nose when sneezing or coughing will be practiced throughout the day.</li> </ul>
d. <b><u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>;</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All high-touch surfaces and desks will be cleaned/disinfected by custodial crew daily.</li> <li>• Shared materials and equipment will be cleaned daily and between uses when practicable.</li> <li>• Water fountains will be serviced over the summer and opened in the fall.</li> <li>• Ventilate all classrooms and common areas when available/possible using windows. Use air circulation patterns that push inside air towards open windows.</li> </ul>
e. <b><u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use strategies similar to those used with influenza and other infectious diseases in the event of a reported case of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Students and employees may report positive cases of COVID-19 to their building nurse.</li> </ul>

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and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regard to COVID-19:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home. In order to return to school, the individual must have improved symptoms and be fever-free for 24 hours without medication.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Symptomatic individuals should remain home until symptoms have resolved and they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication. Such individuals should consider for COVID-19 testing.</li> <li>• The CRSD will consult with the BCHD on decisions impacting the closure of classrooms, schools, or the district.</li> <li>• Although neither the influenza vaccine nor the COVID-19 vaccine are required for school attendance or employment, it is highly encouraged for all students and staff to get the flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine in consultation with their personal medical care provider.</li> </ul>
f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians) on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Staff and families should self-screen for symptoms at home prior to attending school or school activities.</li> <li>• Individuals who are sick should remain home following relevant Board policies currently in place.</li> <li>• The nurse or designated employee will evaluate any individual who presents with symptoms of illness. Students and staff will be sent home based on established nursing protocols.</li> <li>• Emergency contacts must be up to date. A symptomatic student must be picked up as soon as possible and will not be sent home on the bus.</li> <li>• Until the 2022-2023 school year, recognitions or awards for perfect attendance will not occur in order to discourage symptomatic students from attending school.</li> </ul>
g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District communication mechanisms will be used to distribute information regarding vaccination clinics and designated hours when appropriate.</li> </ul>
h. <u>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Services staff and building principals will work with families to develop a student-specific safety and education plan for students with unique health needs.</li> </ul>
i. <u>Coordination with state &amp; local health officials.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular communication will continue with the Bucks County Health Department to discuss possible implementation of any additional guidance from the PDE, CDC and other health related agencies.</li> </ul>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

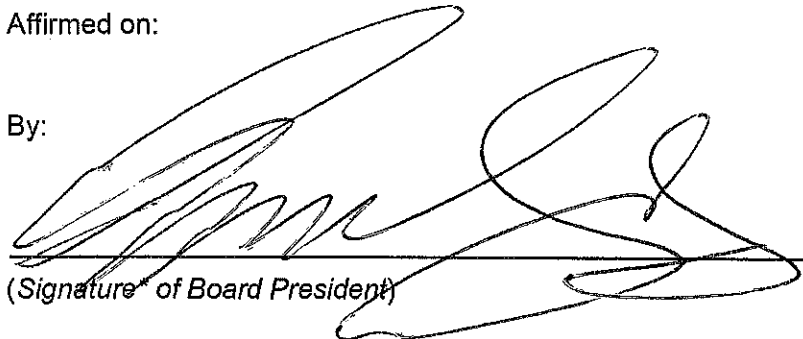
The Board of Directors/Trustees for Council Rock School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **September 21, 2023**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes  
0 No

Affirmed on:

By:

  
(Signature of Board President)

EDWARD S. [Signature]  
(Print Name of Board President)

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