

CHAMBERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reviewed and approved by CASD Board of Directors: December 14, 2021

ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

Guidance and 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

Chambersburg Area School District

Initial Effective Date: August 1, 2021
Date of Last Review: January 11, 2022
Date of Last Revision: January 11, 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 return to a normal school schedule with in-person learning five days a week.

Update January 11, 2022: The district will follow CDC recommendations and guidelines unless otherwise indicated in this plan.

Classrooms will be organized to provide recommended physical distance between students where and when feasible and practical.

Signage will be used and include proper hygiene practices.

Meetings will be held virtually where and when feasible and practical.

Additional lunch periods may be scheduled, and cafeteria seating will be arranged to provide for the recommended distance between students where and when feasible and practical. Additional spaces may be used during lunch and may include auxiliary spaces and classrooms for physical distancing. Assemblies or gatherings/meetings indoors, and the sharing of materials amongst students, including library books, PE equipment, etc., may be restricted to a small cohort of students. These will be cleaned after use.

The wearing of masks currently is optional in accordance with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania guidance and as voted by the Chambersburg Area School District school board at the June 22, 2021 Board Meeting. The District will follow the Federal Order regarding the wearing of masks on district transportation. Field trips and all extracurricular activities will follow the District guidelines and the Federal Order regarding masks on district transportation. The district will follow CDC and DOH requirements and mandates and will monitor and make changes as required.

A. According to a Federal Order, when on district transportation, students and drivers will wear masks. Drivers will not be required to wear a mask when students are not on district transportation. District transportation will be equipped with spare

masks should a child forget one. Students will be assigned seats and seated from back to front to limit physical contact. District transportation will be supplied with wipes and cleaning supplies and will be wiped down with disinfecting solutions between each run.

B. Visitors who wish to spend time in the building, will need an appointment, sign-in and complete a symptom self-check.

C. Designated staff will wipe down desks and frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.

D. Individuals in hallways and communal spaces will be staggered for physical distancing. Directional signage will be employed to promote one-way traffic in hallways and in stairwells where and when feasible and practical.

Public access to facilities will be subject to all district health and safety guidelines and usage will be approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

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?

The District implemented a one-to-one Chromebook deployment with a Learning Management System of Odysseyware/Edgenuity for blended learning for all students K-12. The District remains committed to providing a safe educational environment that meets the academic and social/emotional needs of our students. Upcoming district-wide professional development will include instructional strategies in blended learning, positive behavior interventions and supports, social and emotional learning and professional learning communities. Instructional materials for differentiated instruction will be used. The District will also continue to support the social and emotional, mental health, and other student needs through our school counselors, social workers, school nurses and partnerships with local agencies.

District nurses and the dental hygienist will continue to provide appropriate, school-based direct health services. There is the Keystone Health Clinic located at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School. Masks are required and will be provided in school health suites and in the Keystone Health Clinic at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School for students, staff and visitors.

The food service program will provide free breakfast and lunch for all students via USDA waiver program.

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

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District nurses and the dental hygienist will continue to provide appropriate school-based direct health services. There is the K-12 Health Clinic located at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School. Health risks are required and will be provided in school health suites and in the K-12 Health Clinic at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School for students, staff, and visitors.

The food service program will provide free breakfast and lunch for all students via USDA nutrition program.

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:

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	Masks are required under a <u>Federal Order</u> on public transportation, which includes school vehicles. The use of masks by students, staff and visitors on school property are optional excepting for district transportation. Masks are required and will be provided in school health suites and in the Keystone Health Clinic at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School for students, staff and visitors.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	All students and staff continue to be encouraged to physically distance themselves as much as possible in all areas. Instructional spaces support physical distancing as much as is feasible and practical through seating arrangements in classrooms and during lunch. The District will continue to use cohorts in settings where and when feasible and practical. The District continues to use signage and communication regarding physical distancing. Field trips and all extracurricular activities will follow the District health and safety guidelines and the Federal Order regarding masks on district transportation. The District continues to use virtual meetings where and when feasible and practical.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	All students and staff will continue to be encouraged to use good handwashing techniques and/or use hand sanitizing stations throughout the day. Handwashing stations continue to be available. Signage continues to be used regarding handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Water bottle filler stations have and will be used in the

	buildings instead of water fountains.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	The Chambersburg Area School District has and will provide information on and conduct cleaning and disinfecting. These practices are the responsibility of students and staff, and regardless of position within the District. Appropriate supplies have and will be provided and routinely used throughout the day to wipe down frequently touched surfaces. Personal items from the classroom that are more likely to assist in the transmission of COVID have and will be removed. Hand dryers in restrooms are not being used. The district uses MERV 13 filters in order to provide more filtration of the air in each building. Air will be cycled and filter changes are done more frequently.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Update: January 11, 2022: The district will follow the CDC and DOH recommendations and guidelines for contact tracing, isolation and quarantining except for the following which was determined by School Board action on December 14, 2021: provide parent choice related to school/community close contact and quarantining. In those cases, parents have a choice to either quarantine their child or have them attend school and wear a mask for 10 days. The Chambersburg Area School District will work with the PA Department of Health concerning incidents of COVID. The District provides information on the website regarding incidents of COVID and follows privacy laws.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Families, staff and students will continue to be provided information on conducting a symptom screen each morning before coming to work/school. Families may contact school health personnel with questions regarding diagnostic screening and testing.
g. Efforts to provide	The Chambersburg Area School District continues to

<u>vaccinations to school communities;</u>	provide information about local access to vaccinations.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Any specific accommodations listed on students Individualized Education Programs related to health and safety continue to be followed.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The Chambersburg Area School District will continue to work with State and Local health officials including the PA Department of Health.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Chambersburg Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 27, 2021** with revisions on **January 11, 2022**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

4 Yes

3 No

Affirmed on: **January 11, 2022**

By:



Dr. Mark Schur
Board President

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