

# Parkland School District



*“Educating for Success, Inspiring Excellence”*

REVISION #2

## Health and Safety Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year

## Reviews and Submissions

Date of Last Review: March 26, 2024 ~~February 20, 2024~~

Date of School Board Approval: February 20, 2024

Effective Date: March 27, 2024 ~~February 21, 2024~~

Submitted to the Department of Education: August 16, 2023

## Health and Safety Committee

Name	Position	Roles and Responsibilities
Dr. Mark Madson	Superintendent	Plan Development and Response Team
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## Introduction

The purpose of this Health and Safety Plan is to provide the Parkland School District Community with an outline for full in-person instruction five days per week. This plan was developed by a Health and Safety Pandemic Team using recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), and continuous dialogue with our local health care provider: St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN). This plan specifically addresses the needs of the Parkland School District. Additionally, the Plan will be monitored and revised as federal, state, and local agencies dictate and through continual monitoring of community transmission data.

## Decision Making

The Parkland School District Health and Safety Plan aligns with current recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). These health and safety recommendations are designed to guide school districts as they prepare for the 2023-2024 school year and make full day, in person K-12 instruction a priority.

We are committed to maintaining the health and safety of our students and staff.

[CDC Recommendations for K-12 Schools](#)

## Feedback

This plan was posted for public review beginning August 1, 2023. Utilizing [a feedback form](#), community and staff members submitted comments/feedback regarding the plan. All feedback was reviewed and taken under consideration by Administration prior to August 15, 2023. Upon board approval on August 15, 2023, Administration will continue to monitor federal, state, and local regulations as well as the community transmission of COVID-19. Changes may be made as needed throughout the 2023-2024 School Year. (Once all feedback is received)

~~This revised plan will be posted for public review beginning February 13, 2024. Utilizing a feedback form, community and staff members will have an opportunity to submit comments/feedback regarding the plan. All feedback will be reviewed and taken under consideration by administration prior to February 16, 2024 for board consideration.~~



## Revisions

Parkland School District will make changes and updates to this plan as necessary based on the level of community/building spread. Additionally, the School District may adhere to federal, state, or local governmental restrictions and/or mandates. Revisions will be highlighted in green in red font and notification of revisions will be communicated with our school community.

### American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Requirements

1. How will the LEA (Local Education Authority), 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?

Mitigation Strategies: Parkland School District will continue utilizing disinfecting products that kept students and staff safe during the 22-23 school year. No change to procedure during school and after school. Facilities Improvements - The district plans to utilize American Recovery Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) dollars to upgrade aging HVAC systems to enhance air quality in schools where equipment has aged and is in need of repair or replacement.

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?

Continuity of Services: How will LEA use funds to sustain services to address students' academic needs; students' and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs; and student nutrition and food services? The district will continue with Social Emotional Learning best practices, providing supports through Mind Up for Life, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and Character Counts. In addition, class meetings and School Wide Positive Behavior Support systems are in place to support all students socially and emotionally. We have added an additional learning support teacher, one Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and have made three of our health room assistant positions full time for the 23-24 school year to meet the needs of students. Access to instruction; how will LEA use funds to support the goals of increasing opportunity to learn and equity in instructional delivery? (attendance/ chronic absence) Attendance meetings will be held monthly by the CORE Teams in each building. Students with attendance concerns will be identified. Student Attendance Improvement Plans will be developed with the parents and students. Interventions may include but are not limited to mentoring, guidance seminars, or home school visitor meetings. Home school visitors make home visits to intervene when attendance and disengagement is a concern. We will also partner with our community agencies such as K/S Consultants Truancy. The district is committed to small class sizes so students can get the individualized attention they need.



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	The District will comply with all Federal and State mandates regarding face coverings.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	The district will comply with all federal and/or state mandates regarding social distancing.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	<p>Hand Washing Etiquette will be encouraged for everyone.</p> <p>Respiratory Etiquette:</p> <p>Students/Staff will be encouraged to use proper respiratory etiquette.</p>
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	<p>Each classroom, restroom, hallway and touch points will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the course of the school day.</p> <p>Buses will be disinfected as needed.</p> <p>As needed, buses/vans will be aired out before and after runs, weather permitting.</p> <p>Routinely, Facilities and Operations will check/monitor the operation of the ventilation systems.</p> <p>Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after breakfast and after each lunch period.</p>
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments	Parkland School District will participate in contact tracing if required.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing	<p>Everyone is encouraged to self-monitor for illness. Students and Staff are encouraged to remain home if ill. An Employee and Student health screening tool is available.</p> <p><a href="#">Student Health Screening Tool</a></p>



	<p><b><u>Employee Health Screening Tool</u></b></p> <p>It is recommended that employees notify their building nurse if diagnosed with a positive case of COVID-19.</p> <p><del>It is recommended that parents notify their child's building nurse with a diagnosis of COVID-19.</del></p> <p>Suspected cases of COVID-19 will be masked while waiting for departure.</p>
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Vaccination clinics will be available as needed, partnering with our local health networks.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Individualized decisions regarding programming for students with disabilities will be made in accordance with 504 and IDEA requirements.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The Director of Student Services will continue coordinating with our CMHD (County Municipal Health Department) directly and through our participation on the Emergency Preparedness Council CLIU 21.

**Additional Resources**

- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)



# Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Parkland School District reviewed and approved the **REVISED** Health and Safety Plan on **February 20, 2024** ~~August 15, 2023~~.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes  
0 No

Affirmed on: **February 20, 2024** ~~August 15, 2023~~

By: 

Carol Facchiano, President, Parkland Board of School Directors

\*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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