

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Northern Bedford County School District

Initial Effective Date: August 11, 2021

Date of Last Review: February 13, 2024

Date of Last Revision: August 9, 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 continue to practice and reinforce proper handwashing and hygiene. The district will monitor guidance from the CDC at least every 6 months and adjust the plan accordingly.

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?

We will continue to use the resources available to us when students are identified as needing additional services.

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 |
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| a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ; | The wearing of masks is optional. |
| b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); | Distancing to the greatest extent possible during class and lunch periods. |
| c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ; | Continue to teach/reinforce proper hygiene throughout the school year. Continue teaching/reinforcing proper sneezing and coughing techniques. Continue to reinforce proper handwashing techniques. |

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| d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ; | Continue to sanitize classrooms/hallways as appropriate and changing filters on a regular basis. |
| e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments; | The district will coordinate with the DOH on requirements for contact tracing. The district will utilize data gather during the previous SY to determine appropriate contract tracing and quarantining. |
| f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing; | We do not have this capability. If the district were to receive test kits, students with symptoms would be tested to verify COVID 19 status. |
| g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations</u> to school communities; | Vaccinations were available to the community and those that wanted a vaccine were able to receive it. The same will be true for students if it is approved for younger age groups. |
| h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and | Any necessary accommodations will be addressed through the Special Education Director. |
| i. Coordination with state and local health officials. | All coordination with health agencies will be done through the school nurse. |

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Northern Bedford County School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **February 13, 2024**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: **February 13, 2024**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

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