



ALLEGHENY-CLARION VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEALTH+SAFETY PLAN

2024-2025 School Year

The health and safety of the Allegheny-Clarion Valley School Districts' staff and students remains a priority for the organization. The A-C Valley administration will take critical steps and make decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to diseases. Our goal is to collaboratively ensure that staff and students continue to feel safe and secure so together we can successfully navigate into the 2024-2025 school year.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, the *Organizational Standards + Expectations* below outline the protocols we expect of all staff and students as we transition forward.

The district will work with the Governor's Office, the Department

of Health (DOH), the Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will continue to monitor communications and keep our community informed about disease outbreaks in the district.

The athletic program will follow all local protocols based on the health and safety plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr.

McDeavitt. Thank you for your continued commitment as we transition forward together.

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GOALS

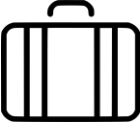





Self-screen for colds, flu and other diseases Symptoms


Expectations

- a. Be aware of colds, flu and other diseases and monitor your health prior to reporting to and while at the workplace / school.
- b. If you are not feeling well, exhibiting cold symptoms or are taking fever-reducing medication, stay home and / or seek medical attention following the usual procedures for reporting off work.
- c. If you exhibit colds, flu and other diseases while at work, contact the school nurse, while following the usual procedures for reporting off of work.
- d. If you test positive for COVID-19, follow the guidance provided the school nurse, your health care provider or CDC/DOH related to isolation / quarantine, contact tracing, and returning to work. Also contact the school nurse and Dr. McDeavitt.

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 <p>Communicable Disease Reporting Procedures</p>	<p>a. Follow the recommendation of the attending physician and report the absence in accordance with standard procedures.</p>	<p>c. A-C Valley SD will contact the Pennsylvania DOH when needed and will follow their guidance. Guidance may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Disease information; ii. The distribution of appropriate letters and communications; iii. Identification of high risk individuals; iv. Appropriate action and treatment; and v. Ongoing support and assistance.
 <p>Practice Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette</p>	<p>a. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p> <p>b. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer).</p> <p>c. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.</p> <p>d. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your</p>	<p>elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash can and hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Again, hand sanitizer may be used if soap and water are not available.</p> <p>e. Increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students.</p> <p>f. The District will utilize the updated HVAC system to circulate fresh air and encourage teacher's to open their windows.</p>
 <p>Clean and Disinfect Your Workspace</p>	<p>a. Ensure your desk / workspace is clean and clear of files / folders to allow for cleaning of surface areas by the custodial staff.</p> <p>b. Clean your telephone, computer keyboard, and office doorknob / switches, if applicable, at the end of each workday.</p>	<p>c. Follow additional cleaning and disinfecting measures / protocols required within your program.</p> <p>d. Adhere to appropriate personal protective equipment guidelines.</p> <p>e. School buses/vans will be wiped down once a day.</p>

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 <p>Stay Informed of CDC's Guidance Relative to Travel</p>	<p>a. Adhere to CDC/DOH guidance relative to travel and how to protect yourself when using public transportation.</p> <p>b. Stay especially vigilant with self-monitoring relative to colds, flu, and disease symptoms for 7 days after travel.</p> <p>c. Monitor and comply with state guidelines regarding travel advisories or orders.</p>	
 <p>Monitor Communication and Confidentiality</p>	<p>a. Monitor communications through acvsd.org, email and SchoolMessenger calls to stay informed.</p> <p>b. Continue adhering to confidentiality policies and procedures.</p> <p>c. Be mindful of conversations that are of a confidential nature around others to maintain privacy.</p>	
 <p>Participate in Required Training</p>	<p>a. All current and newly hired staff are required to read H & S Plan and trainings:</p> <p>i. <i>Health & Safety 2024-2025 Plan: August 19, 2024 In-Service</i></p>	
 <p>Stay informed and Maintain Best Practices</p>	<p>a. Stay informed of the latest information and resources available by visiting the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov information related to healthy living and updates on diseases and conditions, such as learning about flu season and taking action to prevent the flu • Monthly newsletters from Highmark insurance <p>b. Contact Dr. McDeavitt with questions at 724-659-5820.</p>	

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 <p>Facilities Protocol</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. A-C Valley School District will remain open unless it is required to close due to CDC guidelines.b. If there is a reason to close all, or parts of the school district due to unforeseeable reasons, notification will be posted internally, and messages will be sent to the Students, Staff, and Community.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Allegheny-Clarion Valley School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 15, 2024.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ Yes
_____ No

Affirmed on: July 19, 2021, January 17, 2022, July 18, 2022, January 16, 2023, July 17, 2023 January 15, 2024, and July 15, 2024.

By:

(Signature of Board President)

(Print Name of Board President)



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Expectations are based on the latest mandates provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and subject to change based on local trends, statewide data, and updated mandates. The Berks County Intermediate Unit was used as a model to develop the Allegheny Clarion Valley School District's Health and Safety Plan.

Effective July 1, 2021