Health and Safety Plan Summary: Susquehanna Township School District

Initial Effective Date: July 13, 2021

Date of Last Revision: September 9, 2024

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?**

   STSD will frequently monitor local conditions and implement a layered approach to prevention and mitigation strategies based on guidance from local health officials, CDC, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The board approved health and safety plan summary will be posted on the district's website and shared with all stakeholder groups to ensure consistent deployment throughout the district. The contents of this plan and guidance from the CDC will be reviewed frequently and amended as needed to meet the health and safety needs of district stakeholders.

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?**

   STSD approaches and processes to ensure the continuity of services are based on a systems-perspective to manage and lead all parts of the organization. The District's Leadership Improvement Model ensures that all stakeholder needs are determined and balanced before any direction is set and plans deployed. Performance is monitored and measured throughout a continuous cycle of improvement to ensure learning and improvement. Through this system, the district will consider the needs of all stakeholder groups, departments, and critical success factors to address the needs of learners, academic learning, health and safety, facilities, food service, technology and team member needs. Action plans have been developed to ensure the continuity of learning. In addition, the district's organizational agility and learning from the previous year will position the district to anticipate and act on student and stakeholder needs.

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;	Effective June 8, 2023, masks are not required in STSD buildings, at district events, and on district transportation. District Administration reserves the right to enforce any and all mandates as imposed by the Governor, PA Department of Education (PDE), Center for Disease Controls (CDC), and PA State Department of Health (PA DOH).
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The district will not use social distancing as a mitigation strategy.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	Hand hygiene routines will be implemented as appropriate.

Adequate supplies will be provided in all areas, including soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and tissues.

Signs and posters will be placed in highly visible locations to promote handwashing and respiratory etiquette. |
| d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; | The district will follow CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfecting schools. |
| e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; | Effective June 8, 2023, the district will no longer employ the COVID-19 Self-Reporting Forms.

The district will not employ universal contract tracing for COVID-19.

The district will encourage any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 to follow the most current CDC guidance for Preventing Spread of Respiratory Viruses When You're Sick. . |
| f. Diagnostic and screening testing; | District will follow regulations put forth by the PA Department of Health, specifying when to exclude students and staff exhibiting signs and symptom of infectious diseases. |
| g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; | STSD, in partnership with local providers, will provide educational resources, encourage vaccination, and provide opportunities for vaccinations as necessary. |

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h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	STSD will take extra precautions in low incidence programs to decrease communicable disease prevention: Autism Support (AS), Multiple Disability Support (MDS), Life Skills Support (LSS), Emotional Support (ES). Staff are required to thoroughly wash their hands immediately before and after assisting a student with toileting or feeding. Hand sanitizer may be used if soap and water are not available. The district's feeding protocol must be followed when feeding students. Staff are required to wear gloves when feeding students. Bathrooms and changing tables must be disinfected before and after student use. Limit students to one at a time. Students should be assisted with hand washing as needed.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The district will no longer report positive cases to PA DOH, in accordance with the May 11, 2023, expiration of the public health emergency (PHE)

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Susquehanna Township School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on _September 9, 2024_.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_7_ **Yes**

_0_ **No**
_2_ Absent

Affirmed on: _September 9, 2024_

By:

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(*Signature* of Board President*)

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(*Print Name of Board President*)

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