

Conestoga Valley School District
Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Initial Effective Date: July 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: December 9, 2024

Date of Last Revision: December 12, 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 Conestoga Valley School District developed and adhered to a robust reopening plan for the 2020/2021 school year which resulted in a full-day, five-days-a-week in-person option for our students. Over 80% of our students took advantage of the direct instruction in our school buildings, while the remaining 20% opted for an online option. The reason for the successful in-person option relied on the comprehensive actions listed (but not limited to) below:

- **Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting and ventilation**
- **Social distancing and wearing of masks**
- **Contact tracing and quarantining**
- **Monitoring of student and staff health**

The District remained consistent for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school years in following the Board-approved Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDE) Health and Safety Plan for Reopening Schools. As state and federal guidelines changed, the District was flexible in its compliance. With the upcoming 2022/2023 school year, the District will review and discuss any recommendations from the CDC and PDE to determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation strategies, to greatest extent practical based on our community/District needs.

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?

Since the District was "open" for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school years, it will continue to provide all academic, social, emotional, mental health, physical health and food services to all students throughout the 2022/2023 school year, regardless of instructional mode chosen by the parents/students. We will continue to access and implement instructional strategies to close existing learning gaps brought on by the pandemic.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSD will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA DOH/PDE/CDC regarding facial coverings. • CVSD will review any recommendations from the PA DOH/PDE/CDC and determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation measures, to the greatest extent practical based upon community/District needs. • In the absence of an existing, valid and binding order, it is still acceptable for someone who wishes to wear a facial covering to do so. Masks will be made available to those who request them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSD will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA DOH/PDE/CDC regarding physical distancing. • CVSD will review any recommendations from the PA DOH/PDE/CDC and determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation measures, to the greatest extent practical based upon community/District needs. • Virtual meetings, modifying seating arrangements, and possible use of cohorts are some examples of actions to consider.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soap and/or hand sanitizers will be available in all bathrooms and cafeterias throughout the buildings. Students will continue to be encouraged to wash hands frequently, especially before/after breakfast, lunch or recess.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as, but not limited to door handles and push bars, sink handles, light switches will be cleaned and disinfected repeatedly within each school day. • Doors will be propped open when possible to minimize touching. • Additional cleaning/disinfecting will occur and use of additional PPE will be utilized for any area including isolation rooms occupied by a person who is suspected of being COVID positive. • Per ASHREA recommendations, the HVAC systems will be operated in an 24/7 occupied mode.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSD will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA DOH/PDE/CDC regarding facial coverings. • CVSD will review any recommendations from the PA DOH/PDE/CDC and determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation measures, to the greatest extent practical based upon community/District needs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student screening for symptoms will be completed by all parents/guardians at home before the start of each school day. • All District staff will perform a symptom screening on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill. • Staff, parents/guardians, and volunteers will be encouraged to self-report COVID- 19 symptoms or exposure to the school nurse or designee. • Any individual on school property who develops COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or may be a probable COVID-19 will be directed to

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	<p>an isolation room/area until dismissal is possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill. If any individual exhibits symptoms while in a school building, a screening will be completed by the school nurse or designee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVSD will continually promote local and regional options for vaccinations for families and students from our partners within the county and the local Intermediate Unit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individualized health and safety plans will be developed in collaboration with families, as needed, for students requiring additional accommodations regarding health and safety measures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination with state and local health officials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVSD will coordinate on an as-needed basis with State and local health officials regarding COVID matters.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for the Conestoga Valley School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on December 9, 2024.

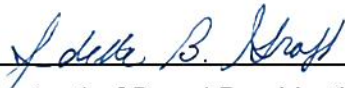
The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: December 9, 2024

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Idette Groff

(Print Name of Board President)

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