



**American Rescue Plan (ARP) &
Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Requirements (ESSER)**

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Chester Charter Scholars Academy CS (CCSA)**

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?

Chester Charter Scholars Academy (CCSA) will continue to utilize guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and our county health partners to inform our decisions for health and safety planning. We will continue to use state or local guidance to implement appropriate prevention and mitigation protocols in response to the level of community spread in our county and/or our local community. Our goal has been and continues to be to maximize the amount of in-person learning for our students in the safest manner possible.

This plan was developed in consultation with local health agencies and is specific to the needs of CCSA. This plan will be monitored, revised, and updated as federal, state and local orders evolve. The CCSA School Board recognizes that minor changes to this plan may need to be made by the superintendent or designee. In similar fashion, CCSA intends to continue following guidance provided by PDE, PADoH and county health department to maintain in-person learning for students.

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?

Students and families will have access to behavioral health supports including school counselors, a social worker, and third party providers to assist students. Additionally, students and parents may access the Safe2Say reporting tool and Student Assistance Program when needed. Employees have access to a variety of Behavioral Health Supports that may include: EAP Program and health supports through the employee benefits plan. CCSA will continue to operate Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for students throughout the school year with interventions in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, positive behavior support programs, special education programs and services, and programs specialized to meet the needs of students with social, emotional, or mental health 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	Face coverings/masks will be optional for all students and staff except as required by state or federal mandates. If students or staff forget a mask, they may request a mask and one will be provided. State orders and/or local data may result in modifications to the CCSA's face covering practices. Students displaying Symptoms of COVID-19 may be asked to mask while in the health room.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	CCSA School facilities will return to pre-pandemic layouts to prioritize in person instructional experiences. Physical distancing will occur to the greatest extent practical and consistent with prioritizing educational instruction, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom furniture used to facilitate learning will be returned to instructional spaces to prioritize student learning • Gymnasiums and other spaces may be used for additional seating during lunches, if needed • Additional seating will be added in cafeteria spaces when feasible and if needed.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Students and staff will be required to wash hands or sanitize before lunch. Students and staff should have opportunities to wash hands throughout the day and will always have the option to wash hands when it is requested.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	High touch areas (ie: door handles, sink handles, stair handle/rails, light switches, bottle filling stations, etc.) will be cleaned/sanitized often. Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected nightly per CDC recommendations. Manufacturer's guidelines will be followed for all ventilation systems. CDC recommendation of at least 6 air exchanges per hour will be followed for HVAC systems in all buildings. Each Health Room has a designated area where symptomatic individual(s) shall be separated until

	departure from the building. This location will then be cleaned/sanitized.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments	CCSA will no longer be assisting the Pennsylvania Department of Health with contact tracing as of March 1, 2022. The Department of Health will manage contact tracing moving forward. If required, CCSA will continue to report positive cases to the PA DOH. Positive cases will be reported to the nurse and documented. Students and Staff should follow guidance from a medical provider. Individuals exposed to COVID-19 and are not exhibiting any symptoms will no longer be required to quarantine from school effective, March 1, 2022.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing	Any students or staff who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	The CCSA will continue to be open to working with COVID Taskforce of the Delaware County Department of Intercommunity Health to establish an on-site pop-up clinic for vaccinations, if necessary.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities will have access to the same programs and opportunities as non-disabled peers, as well as accommodations detailed within their IEP or 504 plan based on their individual needs.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	CCSA will continue to collaborate and coordinate with state and local health officials to inform health and safety decisions.