

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Partnering with students, families, and community to provide opportunities for life-long success through academic excellence and individual growth in a safe and supportive environment.”

Health and Safety Plan Summary 2021-2022 School Year

Initial Effective Date: July 2020
Date of Last Review: August 2020 – April 2021
Date of Last Revision: April 2021

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?

To the greatest extent feasible the District will follow guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and PDE in an effort to safely open our schools for in-person learning. The Lehigh Area School District was able to safely provide in-person learning for grades Pre K-8 for the 2020-2021 school year. The mitigation strategies will continue to be part of the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan listed below. Our goal, again for this school year, will be to maximize the amount of in-person learning for all students throughout the District.

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?

The Lehigh Area School District will operate summer programs that will address learning loss for students in grades K-8. The students who participate will also be provided meals through our Seamless Summer Option Program. Professional and Support Staff will be offering educational opportunities for students during the summer months. In addition, the District is running a summer Title I Reading and Math Program for students who qualify. Our School Counselors and Nurses are also available as a resource during the above listed programs.

The District will continue to offer support throughout the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The supports include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
- b. School Counselors and Social Workers
- c. School Psychologists
- d. Behavior Interventionists
- e. Third Party Health and Safety Providers

3. 2021-2022 Athletics Procedures

LASD Athletics will follow the guidelines/procedures as recommended from our current health/athletic provider (Lehigh Valley Health Network).

4. Transportation 2021-2022

Lehigh Area School District will physically distance students on buses, when possible. Students living in the same household will be required to sit together when being transported to and from School. If feasible, bus windows will be open to improve ventilation. Under the [Federal order issued in January 2021](#), the CDC requires face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when on public transportation - this includes on school buses operated by public and private school systems. However, a driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person on the bus.

- 5. 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
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>Employees and students will comply with CDC/PA Department of Health (DOH) masking guidance/requirements. Updated CDC recommendations, state/federal orders and/or local data may result in modifications to the District's face covering practice.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Lehigh Area School District will implement physical distancing strategies, modified classroom layouts, desk spacing, staggered arrival/dismissals, use of multiple entrances/exits, locker usage will be permitted, removal of non-essential classroom furniture, all in accordance with CDC/PA DOH /PA Department of Education (PDE) guidance and recommendations to the greatest extent feasible.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Lehigh Area School District employees will be/have been trained on proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Teachers will teach and reinforce proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette to their students. Additionally, the District will ensure access to adequate supplies including soap and hand sanitizer. Posting of visual signs in high-traffic locations that promote good hygiene.</p>

<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Lehigh Area School District will follow standard practices and appropriate regulations for cleaning and disinfection. Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting will be performed in accordance with current CDC and PA DOH recommendations/guidelines. Additionally, EPA approved products will be used in accordance with labeling requirements. Furthermore, the District will routinely clean high-touch surfaces and objects. District will occasionally place Halo Machines in classrooms and other areas throughout the buildings for additional cleaning purposes. HVAC system/equipment and monitoring will continue to be maintained by our service provider.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Lehigh Area School District will continue to notify the PA DOH immediately upon learning that a person with a confirmed (or probable) case of COVID-19, is present at the school or a school event while infectious. The District will work collaboratively with the PA DOH staff on matters related to risk assessment, isolation and quarantine recommendations, and other infection control recommendations.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>School nurses will advise students, teachers, and staff to stay home if they are sick or if they have been exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, school nurses will encourage these individuals to talk to their healthcare provider about getting a COVID-19 test.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>Lehigh Area School District has facilitated employee vaccination efforts with our local health facilities and IU. Lehigh Area School District will continue to work collaboratively with local vaccination providers to share vaccination clinic information and to offer vaccination clinic space, when needed.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>With regard to health equity considerations in prevention strategies, Lehigh Area School District will implement an individualized approach for each student with disabilities consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 plan. The District will also consider adaptations to prevention strategies while maintaining efforts to protect students, teachers, and staff from COVID-19.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The District will work collaboratively with the PA DOH/PDE staff on matters related to risk assessment, isolation and quarantine recommendations, and other infection control recommendations.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Lehigh Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on Monday, July 12, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ Yes

_____ No

_____ **Absent**

_____ **Abstained**

Affirmed on: **Monday, July 12, 2021**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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