



# **PHASED SCHOOL REOPENING HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

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# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary: Pleasant Valley School District**

**Initial Effective Date:** August 24, 2021

**Date of School Board Approval:** July 15, 2021

**Date of Revision:** January 4, 2022

**Date of 6-month Review:** December 1, 2021

**Date of School Board Review and Approval:** January 13, 2022

**Date of Revision:** February 23, 2022

**Date of School Board Review and Approval:** February 24, 2022

**Date of 6-month Review:** June 14, 2022

**Date of School Board Review and Approval:** June 23, 2022

**Date of Revision:** June 16, 2022

**Date of School Board Review and Approval:** July 21, 2022

**Date of Revision:** December 21, 2022

**Date of School Board Review and Approval:** January 12, 2023

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?

This Health and Safety Plan will follow a point in time philosophy meaning the district will continue to monitor guidance from the CDC and PA Department of Health for the reopening and continued maintenance of school facilities including consistent implementation of prevention strategies. In consultation with St. Luke's Health Network physicians, including epidemiologists and pediatricians, on January 3, 2023, the following decisions and recommendations will continue to be practiced:




- Maintain ongoing collaboration with St. Luke's National Health Network and CDC/PADOH officials to monitor community transmission indicators that would reflect an elevated level of risk.
- Upon reflection of the risk level, the district will employ a system of phased prevention strategies including:
  - testing referral to a student's/staff member's primary care physician to identify, quarantine/isolate and subsequently limit transmission and outbreaks among staff and students,
  - continue the encouragement of staff vaccination either personally or through the hosting of a district site-based clinic,
  - continue the provision of information for learning community members regarding the vaccination of students either personally or through the hosting of a district site-based clinic.


- Maintain ongoing communication regarding health and safety status and planning with the learning community including, but not limited to:
    - Optional mask wearing in district buildings
    - Mask wearing on school buses/transportation may be recommended based on PA Department Education and PA Department of Health guidance.
    - Hand washing and respiratory hygiene
    - Social distancing when warranted, and
    - Cleaning, Sanitization and Ventilation.
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 district has established a plan for the implementation of 1:1 technology for students and staff. This plan will allow varied instructional options in all buildings within the brick and mortar as well as synchronous remote learning, if and when the need arises.
  - Instructional delivery will be enhanced by the utilization of Google Classroom for grades 3-12 and SeeSaw for grades K-2 as learning management systems enabling flexibility for synchronous, asynchronous and remote learning opportunities including delivery of instruction, assignment completion, online collaboration and assessment.
  - The district has established and continues to maintain a phased rollout plan for the dispersal of student specific devices assuring a 1:1 instructional environment in all district buildings.
  - The district continues to provide opportunities for internet access for families in need.
  - To support student and staff mental health, building school counselors are available to provide consultation and resources in the form of small group and independent services as needed. Additionally, the district licensed social worker has created a resource guide for families available in all buildings, the lobby of the Administration Building and on the district website.
  - The district will continue to partner with St. Luke's University Health Network for the YESS! Program: *Your Emotional Strength Supported*. This program provides counseling, therapy and referral services to meet the mental and behavioral health needs of all Pleasant Valley students.

- District faculty and staff mental health needs will be supported by the Employee Assistance Program of the Penn Foundation.

(NOTE: Food services for students' breakfast and lunch will continue as it normally has.)

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
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mask wearing will be optional and dependent upon 'point in time' continual monitoring of local and countywide transmission rates.</li> <li>• Mask wearing may be recommended based on PA Department of Education and PA Department of Health guidance.</li> </ul>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be social distanced when warranted.</li> </ul>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>  <p>wash your hands often</p> <p>cough or sneeze into a tissue or elbow</p> <p>use hand sanitizers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be appraised of handwashing etiquette both verbally and with printed signage as a way to enforce and ensure classroom rules and safety regulations.</li> <li>• Cover coughs and sneezes.</li> <li>• Signage will be utilized throughout all district buildings</li> </ul>
<p>Physical Health in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students and staff should refrain from coming to school if experiencing COVID 19 symptoms and seek medical attention, if necessary.</li> <li>• If students or staff test positive for COVID 19, they must isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or date of the positive test if asymptomatic. Return to school on Day 6, if symptom free and fever</li> </ul>

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	<p>free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If symptoms continue (i.e., runny nose), it is recommended to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days.</li> <li>• If you have been in close contact to an individual who has tested positive for COVID 19, there is no need to quarantine. Monitor your physical health. If COVID 19 symptoms arise, seek medical attention, if necessary.</li> <li>• Per guidance from St. Luke's Health Network, contact tracing may occur.</li> </ul>
<p>d. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>PDE is in the process of implementing a free voluntary COVID 19 testing program for public schools The district will continue to provide information regarding community resources for vaccinations and booster shots outside of the school day.</p>
<p>e. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The district will continue its collaboration and communication with the PADOH and St. Luke's Health Network regarding reporting of transmission data.</p>



## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Pleasant Valley School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **January 12, 2023** with 8 members voting yes and 0 voting no.

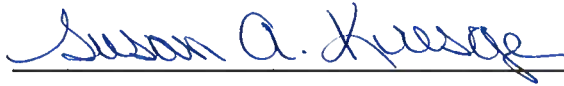
Yes

No

6-month review and approval of modifications to the Health and Safety Plan

Affirmed on: **December 21, 2022**

By:



*(Signature\* of Board President)*

Susan A. Kresge

*(Print Name of Board President)*

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

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