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Health & Safety Plan December 2023 Review

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 consider 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: Boyertown Area School District

Initial Effective Date: July 28, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 13, 2024

Date of Last Revision: May 9, 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?

The health and safety of the students, staff, and families of the Boyertown Area School District (BASD) remains, as always, a priority for the district.

Expectations are based on the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The BASD Leadership Team will continue to monitor communications.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, the BASD has identified District standards and expectations which outline the protocols expected of all staff members as the district transitions forward. Protocols include the following:

- Self-screening for symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Use of face coverings is optional
- Maintain a clean school environment
- Staying informed and maintaining best practices

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?

BASD returned to full in-person instruction in the fall of 2021. Along with in-person instruction, the BASD developed their own Virtual Academy for families wishing to opt for this type of instructional model.

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 <u>masks</u> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks optional
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no current protocols for social distancing.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASD will provide continuous reminders/education regarding handwashing and sanitation to staff and students. • Protocols to students and staff include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Washing one's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. ○ Staff and students wash hands before and after lunch/snacks ○ Additionally, hand sanitizer will be provided in common areas ○ Avoid touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into one's elbow. ● Reminders to staff and students will be provided with respect to encouraging those who are sick or have illness to stay home and where appropriate, and always follow primary care physician recommendations.
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BASD will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC related to cleaning and ventilation. ● BASD will continue with current ventilation practices in all classrooms and common areas. Recommend air circulation patterns that push inside air towards open windows. Ventilation systems will continue to be run for additional hours prior to school opening. This will provide additional fresh air in all work and classroom spaces. ● BASD is committed to continuing the best practices developed in keeping the workplace clean, disinfected, and safe for staff, students, and visitors. ● The use of universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases will continue to be implemented. Hand sanitizer and cleaning materials will remain available.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOH's listing of reportable diseases will be followed per BASD Policy #203.
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff are required to follow the recommendation of their attending physician and / or DOH

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g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	<p>directive(s) as it relates to <u>diagnostic and screening testing.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASD continues to communicate local vaccine opportunities and testing sites available to staff and the <u>community at large.</u>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be addressed through the IEP and 504 processes. • Accommodations may include, but not limited to adapted service delivery models, (i.e., teleintervention, individualized services, when appropriate) and / or other health and safety precautions as outlined in an <u>individualized health plan.</u>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASD will continue to maintain existing partnerships with local and <u>state agencies.</u>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Boyertown Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: Tuesday, August 13, 2024,

By:



(Signature* of Board Vice President)

Jeffrey Zawada

(Print Name of Board Vice President)

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

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