

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: Meyersdale Area School District

**Initial Effective Date: 7/15/2021**

**Date of Last Review: 12/6/2023**

**Date of Last Revision: 3/2/2022**

· 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?

§ Create/Revise and implement a District-wide Health and Safety Plan with oversight and input from an established Health and Safety Committee

§ A School Leadership Team must continually monitor CDC and PA DOH guidance to guide decisions/revisions to the established Health and Safety Plan

· 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 plans to continually provide student services; even in difficult circumstances. These services include food service, transportation, mental health services, social work, counseling, etc.

· 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 <a href="#">masks</a> ;	Masks are <b>optional</b> for students while on school provided transportation.

Masking rules will be reviewed and modified based on state guidance and final board decisions.

Masks will be worn, by students, at parents' discretion.

Faculty and staff will wear masks at their own discretion.

School visitors will be asked to wear masks when appropriate.

b. Modifying facilities to allow for [physical distancing](#) (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);

Desks have approximately three feet of separation among students and staff as feasible.

Students in grades K-5 will have limited transitions when feasible.

Encourage social distancing when feasible.

Congregating in hallways, restrooms, and other areas will not be permitted.

The music program including band and chorus will continue with protocols that will be developed to adhere to health and safety guidelines.

K-12 Students will eat in the cafeteria in smaller groups and adhere to social distancing guidelines, when possible.

Students may be required to eat in small groups in areas other than the cafeteria, to allow for appropriate spacing.

K-12 physical education classes will be designed to incorporate social distancing guidelines and will occur outside whenever possible to maximize the level of adherence to social distancing guidelines.

Recess and elementary physical education will happen in multiple outdoor locations whenever possible to best adhere to social distancing and hygiene guidelines. Indoor physical education and recess activities will be conducted in the classroom in the case of inclement weather.

	<p>Each student will have a set of individual learning resources when feasible including textbooks and electronic devices.</p> <p>A maximum of two students per bus seat when feasible.</p> <p>Staggered arrival and dismissal practices will be established when possible.</p>
<p>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>	<p>Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing (20 seconds with warm water and soap).</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school facility.</p> <p>Signs to promote everyday protection measures and hygiene will be posted in hallways and classrooms in highly-visible areas.</p>

d. [Cleaning](#) and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving [ventilation](#);

Up-to-date no-touch drinking fountain

Surface disinfection will occur in classrooms on a regular basis.

Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected

Regular cleaning of doors, floors, and other high-touch and high-use areas

Surface disinfection will occur between each lunch period in the cafeteria

Frequent use of electrostatic sprayers to disinfect bathrooms, classrooms, and other high-use areas

Update HVAC system to control outside air flow

Clean locker rooms and sports facilities daily

Training of custodial staff on effective cleaning procedures

Install tile flooring and removal of carpet wherever possible and feasible

Buses will be cleaned and sanitized

e. [Contact tracing](#) in combination with [isolation](#) and [quarantine](#), in collaboration with the State and local health departments;

Contact tracing will occur in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

A student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for five days after the positive test result. After five days, the person may return to school if they are symptom free for at least 24 hours and:

1. Wear a mask for a five day period.
2. Provide proof of a negative COVID test result or a medical exemption from a physician's office.

If an individual has been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, he or she should remain home for 24 hours. If the individual remains asymptomatic and does not test positive for COVID-19, he or she may return to school.

f. [Diagnostic](#) and screening testing;

Parents should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and routinely perform temperature checks on their children each morning before sending them to school. Any student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit should stay home. In that instance, students should remain home until they are fever-free (without medication) and symptom free for 48 hours.

As students arrive at school in the morning, symptom monitoring and temperature checks may be conducted at our buildings' points of entry. Students with temperatures greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be immediately placed in isolation so that arrangements can be made for him or her to return home.

Our staff will be educated by the School Nurse on signs and symptoms of concern and their duty in reporting to the nurse immediately.

If a member of the staff or student body comes to school with suspected signs and symptoms of COVID-19, he/she will be kept in isolation under the supervision of the nurse until arrangements are made to return home.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to promptly inform the school nurse when a household member tests positive for COVID-19.

The district will consider opportunities to administer specific tests as they become available.

<p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>	<p>We will utilize opportunities for vaccinations to the school communities as they become available and as requested by school community members.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>We will accommodate the medical requests for students with complex needs as directed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.</p> <p>Students with documented health issues that could be negatively impacted by the wearing of a mask/face covering are not required to wear masks at any time provided they present a valid physician's note.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The district will coordinate with state and local health officials as information and updates become available. This information will be shared with the Health &amp; Safety Committee and School Board in an effort to update this plan.</p>

# Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Meyersdale Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **February 3, 2022**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

**8 - Yes**



**0 - No**

Affirmed on: March 3, 2022

By:

*(Signature\* of Board President)*

*(Print Name of Board President)*

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