



Health and Safety Plan Summary Wallingford-Swarthmore School District

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- 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 School District implemented a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 school year using mitigation strategies supported by the CDC, PA Department of Health, CHOP Policy Lab, and the Chester County Health Department. These strategies were successful in supporting the larger public health initiative to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our District community, especially those at increased risk for severe illness. Further, our District supported vaccination clinics for our teachers and staff and led vaccine clinics for students.

Even though the Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings was lifted on June 28, 2021, the District must still follow the Federal Order issued by the CDC in January 2021. This Order requires face coverings for anyone, regardless of vaccination status, being transported on school buses and vans operated by public and private school systems as a means of public transportation.

Our District will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, CHOP Policy Lab, and the PA Department of Health. This information will assist the District when reviewing our mitigation strategies for effectiveness. The guidance will also be used to revise our health and safety plan as necessary. The chart below provides strategies, policies, and procedures to be used within 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?**

During the summer, curricular teams will meet to discuss student learning gaps. Professional development days will have all grade level and subject area staff analyze data and end of the year instruction and achievement. Teams will meet to prioritize missed instructional concepts and/or strengthen concepts previously taught. Universal screeners will be used at the beginning of the year as in the past. The continuation of interventions and remediation strategies were included in the planning. Increased support services were identified through the special education department. Our summative and formative assessment data will allow us to determine student learning gaps and we will fill in those gaps with high quality instruction.

We have developed a continuity of education plan that has multiple options for students that would lend itself to our students' educational needs. We have increased supports for students. Our special education staff and Administration have worked tirelessly to provide supports for vulnerable populations and families. Some aspects of these supports, which include student physical and mental health and food services, are through our homeless liaison, home and school visitors, school social workers and counselors, and through our student services team.

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.

Any masking mandate or Order as dictated by a Federal Mandate, the Governor of Pennsylvania, or the PA Department of Health would override the policies and procedures listed below.

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a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of June 28, 2021, the District will not require masking of individuals, except for students and staff being transported on school buses and vans. Masking on public transportation is required by the Federal Order issued in January 2021. The District will continue to encourage and support all individuals who prefer to continue to wear a mask on campus.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennsylvania lifted the Order for physical distancing and occupancy limits on May 31, 2021. With the lifting of the Order, all school buildings and offices will not require specific social distancing requirements. School buildings and offices will allow for full occupancy with no alterations or restrictions. Buses will operate at full capacity. The District will consider any additional recommendations from the CDC or the PA Department of Health for additional mitigation strategies when these recommendations are available.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practice encourages hand washing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snack, transition back to class from being outside, after using the bathroom,

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	<p>and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. The District will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will have available hand sanitizer in strategic locations of high traffic areas. • The District will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District utilizes EPA Approved Disinfectants for use against COVID19. There will be routine cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, common areas, and office spaces. • If there is a case of COVID-19, a cleaning and disinfecting of the area will take place. • The District will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible. The District will change filters regularly for these systems.
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local Chester County Health Departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will report all confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the PA Department of Health on the prescribed template for such instances. • The District will provide the PA Department of Health as required, a list of close contact(s) of individuals who were in contact with the COVID-19 positive individual while at school to the best of its' ability. • The District will support and implement public health guidance on isolation and quarantines. The District has adopted the modified quarantined as outlined by the CDC and PA Department of Health. • Any student, staff or contractor, who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is a probable case, shall notify their direct supervisor or principal immediately. Guidance on isolation will be provided to the individual. • Any student, staff or contractor, who was in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case, must notify the program administrator/principal immediately. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or the PA Department of Health.
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will follow its <i>Immunization and Communicable Diseases</i> Policy for guidance on communicable diseases as COVID-19 is classified as such. • The District requires staff and contractors to self-screen prior to reporting to work, programs, and schools and stay at home if experiencing any symptoms as outlined below. (Group A/B)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and guardians are required to self-screen their child prior to reporting to school or programs and keep their child home if experiencing any symptoms outlined below. (Group A/B) <p><u>Group A (1 or more symptoms)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lack of smell or taste ○ Cough ○ Shortness of breath ○ Difficulty breathing <p><u>Group B (2 or more symptoms)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sore throat ○ Chills ○ Muscle pain ○ Fever ○ Headache ○ Congestion or runny nose ○ Nausea or vomiting ○ Diarrhea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, children, students, and clients who are ill <u>must stay home</u> from work, programs, and schools. • Staff, children, students, and clients <u>shall be sent home</u> if they become ill at work, school, program or service. • Students, staff and contractors shall report immediately to their immediate supervisor/principal if they are COVID-19 positive or were in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or PA Department of Health. • The District may implement a rapid antigen testing program for individuals who become symptomatic during the program, school or working hours. • The District will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, N95 face covering, eye protection, gloves.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will provide information to families on vaccine clinics and/or how get a COVID-19 vaccine for their child or family member.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students with disabilities with medical diagnosis that required a prescribe health and safety plan, the IEP may reconvene to develop a specially designed instruction or strategies meet the needs of the student.

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i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will report cases of COVID-19 and its efforts on contract tracing with the Chester County Health Department. • The District will consult with the Chester County Health Department on specific cases or issues as needed.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for **the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 14, 2021. (tentative)**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **June 14, 2021. (tentative)**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)