



Pine Grove Area School District Health and Safety Plan

2021-2022 School Year



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Summary

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) create a Health and Safety Plan which will serve as the local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school reopening activities.

The Health and Safety Plan, once approved by our School Board, will be posted on our District website. In our plan, we have outlined our guidelines for our schools to continue to operate and provide educational services as normally and as effectively as possible, while balancing the health and safety needs of our students and staff.

The overall purpose of this plan is to communicate to our students, parents, faculty, and our community the safety precautions for the 2021-22 school year.

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?

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our students and staff. Pine Grove Area School District will analyze and consider all guidance and recommendations related to prevention and mitigation from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), American Pediatric Association, as well as local medical partner, Lehigh Valley Health Network. Our administrative team in conjunction with the school board of directors will consider data that would require a pivot of instructional models. We plan to open our buildings for in-person instruction and continue to offer a fully virtual option as well.

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?

At the beginning of the school year, we will assign and deploy a Chromebook to each student to ensure that all students have continual access to instruction, regardless of instructional format. We will ensure that any family who needs assistance in accessing the internet at their home, receives it. Our district will continue to offer mental health, student health, and food service regardless of instructional format to our students.

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 masks;</p>	<p>Pine Grove Area School District will follow any face covering MANDATE put into effect by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania Department of Education.</p> <p>Pine Grove Area School District will consider all RECOMMENDATIONS from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), American Pediatric Association, as well as local medical partner, Lehigh Valley Health Network when addressing face covering procedures.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Physical distancing will be implemented in classrooms and cafeteria when necessary depending upon community and school transmission.</p> <p>Accurate seating charts will be utilized in order to assist in contact tracing.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Staff and students are encouraged to practice regularly scheduled hand washing or sanitizing including but not limited to entry into the school, classroom, after using the restroom, before and after eating, after coughing/sneezing.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer, with greater than 60% alcohol, will be made available in all common areas, hallways, and in classrooms.</p> <p>Staff will teach and reinforce washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes among students, staff, volunteers and visitors.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects within the school and on school buses at key points during the day.</p> <p>Clean and disinfect bathrooms at least once a day.</p> <p>Use of Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant as needed.</p> <p>Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible. Replace HVAC filters prior to the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>Continue to follow CDC's Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools .</p>

<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Pine Grove Area School District will follow any MANDATES related to contact tracing and quarantining put into effect by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania Department of Education.</p> <p>Pine Grove Area School District will work closely with local and state health departments to consider all RECOMMENDATIONS regarding mitigation.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>Symptom screening of students will be done by parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day. All staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work. A symptom/temperature monitoring tool will be provided.</p> <p>Symptom screening of students or staff may be done upon entry of school and classrooms.</p> <p>Parents/guardians and staff must notify the school if an absence is due to COVID-19 symptoms, a positive COVID-19 PCR test, or close contact with someone with COVID-19.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>We will partner with local health organizations to advertise and communicate information regarding vaccination sites in the community.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>We will follow all individualized education plans (IEPs) and provide appropriate accommodations with respect to the health and safety of students with disabilities.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>We hope to continue to partner with state and local health officials including Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **JUNE 17, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

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Affirmed on: **JUNE 17, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Dave Lukasewicz

(Print Name of Board President)

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