



# Pine Grove Area School District Health and Safety Plan

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2023-2024 School Year



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**Initial Effective Date: July 1, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: August 17, 2023**

**Date of Last Revision: August 17, 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?**

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 if necessary. Health and Safety Plans are periodically reviewed and revisions are submitted for board approval. We are committed to provide in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible. We will utilize a combination of disinfecting and monitoring for the 2023-2024 School Year. All staff, students, and parents are notified of changes via website at [www.pgasd.com](http://www.pgasd.com), social media, and our all call system.

- 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 each 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. <b>Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b></p>	<p>Face coverings are optional. Pine Grove Area School District will consider all mandates and recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania, Department of Education, Center of Disease Control (CDC), American Pediatric Association, as well as local medical partner, Lehigh Valley Health Network related to face coverings.</p>
<p>b. <b>Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u>;</b></p>	<p>Pine Grove Area School District will not implement any physical distancing unless it is deemed necessary.</p>
<p>c. <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</b></p>	<p>Staff and students are encouraged to practice regularly scheduled hand washing or sanitizing.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer, with greater than 60% alcohol, may be made available in all common areas, hallways, and in classrooms.</p> <p>Staff will-reinforce washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes among students, staff, volunteers and visitors.</p>
<p>d. <b><u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</b></p>	<p>Pine Grove Area School District may utilize 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. <b><u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</b></p>	<p>Pine Grove Area School District will consider all mandates and recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania, Department of Education related to contact tracing and quarantining.</p>

<p><b>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</b></p>	<p>We will encourage staff, students and parents to self-assess their own symptoms.</p> <p>The school nurse will assess any students identified as showing symptoms and recommend testing, if needed.</p> <p>It is recommended that parents/guardians notify the school if an absence is due to COVID-19 symptoms or positive COVID-19 PCR test.</p>
<p><b>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</b></p>	<p>We will partner with local health organizations to communicate information regarding vaccination sites in the community.</p>
<p><b>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</b></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><b>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</b></p>	<p>We will 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

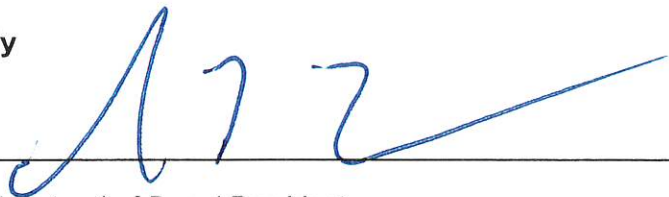
The Board of Directors for **PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **AUGUST 17, 2023**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

**YES**     **NO**

Affirmed on: **August 17, 2023**

By

  
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*Signature\* of Board President*

**Dave Lukasewicz**

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*Print Name of Board President*

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

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