
Health and Safety Plan Summary: William Penn School District

Initial Effective Date: June 28, 2021

Date of Revision: August 11, 2021

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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.

During the 2021-2022 school year, our district will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, CHOP Policy Lab. 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 student's academic needs, and students and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?**

The William Penn School District will continue to provide the above-mentioned services while operating within the guidelines of the Health and Safety Plan that was developed in the 2020-2021 school year. The plan continues to be revisited and updated as guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, CHOP Policy Lab are developed or changed. In addition, the district will continue to use Social and Emotional Learning curricula with all students as a part of our overall strategy to support the mental health and emotional needs of our students. The Food Services program will continue to provide nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch) to students daily. All COVID-19 food prep, serving, and

cleaning protocols will continue to be followed and monitored for compliance. Lastly, to promote a healthy and safe environment for students and staff, COVID 19 mitigation guidelines and protocols will be followed and frequent written reminders will be used to help promote compliance in all school buildings.

In addition, the district has (will) approve(d) an *Emergency Instructional Time* [Section 520.1 - 2021-22 School Year]. This can be viewed on the district website on August 11, 2021.

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
a. Masking in District Buildings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On February 25, 2022, the CDC updated its COVID-19 masking guidelines. The guidelines are driven by COVID-19 Community Levels. 2. Based on the CDC's guidance, effective April 4, 2022, the William Penn School District will make masking in district buildings optional if the COVID-19 Community Level is "medium or low". If the COVID-19 Community Level is "High", universal masking will be required in all school district buildings 3. In addition, The updated COVID-19 masking guidelines do not require people to wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pennsylvania lifted its 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. However, the school district will continue to encourage students and staff to maintain a social distance from one another when interacting to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus. This includes spacing desks and positioning lunchtime seating as far apart as possible within the constraints of the physical space. 2. School buildings and offices will allow for full occupancy with no alterations or restrictions. 3. The district will consider any additional recommendations from the CDC, the PA Department of Health, and CHOP Policy Lab for additional mitigation strategies when these recommendations are available.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a best practice, we will continue to encourage handwashing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snacks, transition back to class from being outside, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. The district will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices. 2. The district will have available hand sanitizer in strategic locations of high-traffic areas. 3. The district will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.

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<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The district utilizes EPA Approved Disinfectants for use against COVID-19 2. There will be routine cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, common areas, and office spaces. Click here to view the district's cleaning schedule. 3. If there is a case of a COVID-19 positive person in a school district building, cleaning and disinfecting of the area will take place. 4. 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 health departments;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The district will report all confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the PA Department of Health using the prescribed reporting system for such instances. 2. The district will support and implement public health guidance on isolation and quarantines. The district will follow updated quarantine and isolation guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, or CHOP Policy Lab as they are developed or changed. 3. 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. 4. Student, staff, or contractor, who has been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case, must notify their immediate supervisor and/or school nurse immediately, who will report the information to the Office of Student Services. These individuals will be provided guidance to isolate or quarantine as per guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, or CHOP Policy Lab.
<p>f. Diagnostic screening and testing;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The district will follow its <i>Immunization and Communicable Diseases, Policy 203</i>, for guidance on communicable diseases as COVID-19 is classified as such. 2. The district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, face coverings, eye protection, gloves. 3. 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 in the chart below. 4. 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 in the chart below. 5. Staff, children, students, and clients who are ill must stay home from work, programs, and schools. 6. Staff, children, students, and clients shall be sent home if they become ill at work, school, program, or service. 7. 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 on whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or health department. 8. The district will continue its rapid antigen testing program for individuals who become symptomatic during the program, school, or working hours. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Group A</p> <p>1 or more symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of smell or taste • Cough • Shortness of breath </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Group B</p> <p>2 or more symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore throat • Headache • Muscle pain • Fever (without congestion) • Chills • Congestion or runny nose </div> </div>

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- Difficulty breathing
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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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 to get a COVID-19 vaccine for their child or family member.• The district will work with Delaware County and CHOP to host pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinics as needed.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For students with disabilities with a medical diagnosis that required a prescribed health and safety plan, the IEP team may reconvene to develop specially designed instruction or strategies to meet the needs of the student.
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 contact tracing with the PA Department of Health.• The district will consult with the health department on specific cases or issues as needed.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of School Directors for **The William Penn School District** reviewed and approved the revised Health and Safety Plan on **June 28, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **9- Yes**
_____ **0- No**
_____ **0- Abstain**
_____ **0- Absent**

Revised Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of School Directors for **The William Penn School District** reviewed and approved the Revised Health and Safety Plan on **August 11, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **7- Yes**
_____ **0- No**
_____ **0- Abstain**
_____ **2- Absent**

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The Board of School Directors for **The William Penn School District** reviewed and approved the Revised Health and Safety Plan on **January 24, 2022.**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes – 7

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent - 2

Revised Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of School Directors for **The William Penn School District** reviewed and approved the Revised Health and Safety Plan on **March 10, 2022.**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes – 7

No – 1

Abstain – 0

Absent –1