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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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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) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. Diagnostic and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to school communities;
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.\* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

\* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

## Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

## Health and Safety Plan Summary: Lake-Lehman School District

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

**Date of Last Review: July 22, 2021**

**Date of Last Revision: July 22, 2021**

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?

*Superintendent McGovern and the Lake-Lehman School Board of Directors, in efforts to mitigate risk of Covid-19 transmission to students and staff for the 2020-2021 School Year and continuing for the 2021-2022 School Year, have implemented the following:*

### PPE

*LLSD has purchased plentiful PPE supplies for all buildings including single use individual drinking bottles, hands free water fill stations, gloves, disposable masks, wipes, disinfectant supplies, digital thermometers, hand sanitizer & free standing stations, plexiglass partitions, non-contact water bottle filling stations and face shields.*

*Supplies are distributed to all classrooms and are replenished consistently throughout the day to ensure availability and encourage on-going use.*

### Ventilation

*The District has purchased and installed Global Plasma Solutions air quality systems for the 2020-2021 School Year in all facilities utilized by students, faculty and staff.*

*Global Plasma solutions utilizes patented technology to clean the air by introducing ions into the space via the airflow in ventilation systems.*

*The GPS air system inactivates 99.8% of SARS-CoV-2 in 30 minutes\*\**

### Electrostatic Sprayers

*The District has purchased electrostatic sprayers to be mandatorily used by custodial staff in the disinfection of all facilities, both ongoing throughout each school day and in the deep cleaning process of confirmed cases.*

*These sprayers allow the LLSD custodial staff to efficiently disinfect open areas such as classrooms, hallways, restrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias utilizing advanced wrap-around technologies. .*

### Protocols

*Lake-Lehman School District has remained committed to pandemic compliance efforts and has successfully collaborated with necessary governmental departments and health agencies regarding maintaining the safety of our students and staff throughout the school year. We have taken extensive steps as a District to invest in the wellbeing of our stakeholders while applying a conservative Covid-19 response protocol. This includes, but is not limited to, appropriate identification, isolation & quarantine, contact tracing, incident tracking, reporting, communication efforts and exceptional deep cleaning and air purification endeavors.*

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?

*By offering the option for all students to attend school five days a week in the traditional, face-to-face setting, we ensure all students are able to access quality education, mental health services, and food services each day. Students and families wishing to enroll students in an alternative setting have the choice to utilize cyber school. In the event of a mandated school closure, LLSD has provided training and material to continue educational pathways through seamless online learning with livestream capabilities and a meal program based out of the Jr/Sr High School Building. Guidance and mental health services will continue to be provided in all circumstances.*

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
<b>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b>	The District strongly encourages the use of masking, while allowing families and individuals personal discretion. However, any circumstance that emerges to mandate masking will supersede this District Level decision.
<b>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</b>	Alternative classroom/cafeteria arrangements will be designed and implemented to provide for proper social distancing in accordance with governmental guidelines and CDC recommendations.

<p><b>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></b></p>	<p>Hand washing and/or sanitizing resources will be readily available. Education of associated signs/symptoms and relevant hygiene practices will be ongoing, including posting educational resources/signs in high traffic areas to promote good hygiene practices and the identification of signs/symptoms.</p>
<p><b>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></b></p>	<p>All classrooms, surfaces, common areas, restrooms, cafeterias and entry points will be cleaned and sanitized periodically throughout the day depending upon usage and level of need. Students will restrict or limit shared materials and will be provided the opportunity to clean and disinfect them throughout the day. General hygiene and sanitation practices will be encouraged by all students and staff. Additionally, the District has purchased and installed Global Plasma Solutions air quality systems for all facilities utilized by students, faculty and staff.</p>
<p><b>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</u></b></p>	<p>The District will follow all governmental regulations, CDC &amp; PA Department of Health guidance in the quarantine and return protocol for all students and staff. The Pandemic Team will respond to all incidents. The individual will be immediately isolated, removed from the premises. Return to work/school is only permitted upon PA Department of Health guidance/recommendation.</p>
<p><b>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u></b></p>	<p>Daily screening, including temperature checks, will be conducted at the time of entry into school buildings. Continuous screenings will occur throughout the school day, and at key indicator points, to identify and respond to individuals who may display symptoms.</p>
<p><b>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u></b></p>	<p>The District encourages all eligible individuals to become vaccinated. To date, multiple community, student and employee vaccination events/clinics have been held in-house and in conjunction with off-campus partners. Plans are in place to conduct surveys to identify individuals in need of vaccination and</p>

	establish future vaccination clinics and events.
<b>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</b>	All social distancing, safety protocols and PPE offerings will be adapted to meet the needs of the individual student.
<b>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</b>	LLSD will continue to work in tandem with all state and local health officials in order to uphold Covid-19 prevention, mitigation and response activities in accordance with guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Pennsylvania Department of Education.

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Lake-Lehman School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 22, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes  
1 No

Affirmed on: August 16, 2021

By:



(Signature\* of Board President)

David Paulawkas

(Print Name of Board President)

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

**Option A:** The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

**Option B:** If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.