

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Wellsboro Area 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 Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PDOH regarding all aspects of safety matters pertaining to COVID-19. Administration will monitor daily updates and will meet with our local IU 17 Superintendents' council. Updates will be given to all administrators and board members as well as posted on our website for community members.

In addition, the District will continue to use hepa filters in our HVAC systems as well as disinfect classrooms with vitaloxide cleaner. The buildings will have limited times throughout the summer for gatherings.

The District will plan to utilize ESSR III funds to assist with a new HVAC system at the middle school where improvements need to be made due to age of the building.

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?

The Wellsboro Area School District has established guidance counselors, nurses, mental health agencies to address student and faculty members mental health needs. In addition, the District has secured building base substitutes to assist with daily academic needs of our students. We have also purchased new curricular items to assist with any learning loss. After school tutoring sessions will also be available throughout the school year. In addition, we will utilize ESSR II and III funds to purchase technology equipment to aid in continuity of education.

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.

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a. <u>Universal and correct wearing of masks;</u>	The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding the wearing of masks. Mask wearing will be supported even when there is no masking mandate. Students, faculty, and staff may choose to wear masks during school and school events.
b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</u>	The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding physical distancing guidelines. Our rooms are set up for a three feet distance and plexi shields are available for every desk. We have also moved to a block scheduling approach to lessen the number of hallway interactions. In addition, we have stairwells that may be utilized for certain directional movements.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u>	The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding personal hygiene. However, we will continue to provide hand washing solutions in our classrooms. Teachers will encourage hand washing throughout the day. In addition, Kleenex will be available for students and respiratory etiquette will be reinforced through the proper coughing into the elbow crease.
d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u>	The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding clean and healthy facilities. We have purchased hepa filters for our air handlers and use vitaloxide sprayers during the evening cleaning routine. Windows will be cracked on buses and rooms when needed. Cleaning solutions will be

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	available in each classroom if students wish to wash desk areas before/after use.
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation and quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine. The District works very closely with the PA DOH to conduct contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine requirements. All contact tracing will occur at the building(s) level and reported to the Superintendent. Families will be identified when in close contact with a positive case and also reported to the local DOH representative. Isolation and quarantine guidelines will be followed in accordance with CDC and PA DOH guidelines.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u>;</p>	<p>The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH diagnostic and screening testing. The District will continue to provide information regarding diagnostic and screening centers within the District. District nurses will monitor, record, and report all illnesses.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>The Wellsboro Area School District will continue to partner with local health care providers such as UPMC to assist with any local vaccination clinics within our district. We will continue to provide a location for community vaccinations.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>The Wellsboro Area School District will follow the recommendations of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding all health and accommodations for students with disabilities. The District Supervisor of Special Education will also meet with special education teachers to assure that all appropriate measures are in place and</p>

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	<p>adapted as needed. In addition, special education/regular education teachers will collaborate to identify any health and safety accommodations needed for their identified students.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The Wellsboro Area School District will continue to partner with the PA DOH to provide information on contact tracing and cases within the District. In addition, the Superintendent will continue to meet regularly with IU 17 to acquire updates from all state and local health officials. Tioga County also has a task force in which the Superintendent attends. Local health care officials, legislators, 911 center, educational institutions, etc all provide information related to the task force as well.</p>