

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 requirements of CDC, PDE, and PDOH regarding all aspects of safety matters pertaining to COVID-19. Administration will monitor daily updates and will meet with 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 vital oxide 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?**

WASD 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 ESSER II and III funds to purchase technology equipment to aid in the 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.**

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;	<p>The district will strongly encourage masking. The district will train students and staff on proper mask wearing techniques. The district will provide free masks if requested.</p> <p>Students/Staff returning to school after isolation or quarantine (days 0-5) must wear a mask at all times during days 6-10. Unless a negative test is obtained on or after day 6</p> <p>Athletes who test positive must wear a mask during participation of athletics to include practice and games during days 6-10, unless a negative test is obtained on or after day 6.</p> <p>All students/adults who travel on school transportation must wear a mask in accordance with Federal mandates.</p>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing	<p>WASD will follow the requirements of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH (3-6 feet) to the greatest extent possible regarding physical distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Our rooms are set up for a three to six feet distance and plexi shields are available upon request.</p> <p>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.</p>
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	<p>WASD will follow the guidelines of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH to the greatest extent possible regarding personal hygiene. We will continue to provide hand washing solutions in our classrooms.</p> <p>Teachers will encourage hand washing throughout the day. In addition, tissues will be</p>

	<p>available for students and respiratory etiquette will be reinforced, i.e. the proper coughing into the elbow crease.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>WASD will follow the guidelines of CDC, PDE and PA DOH to the greatest extent possible regarding clean and healthy facilities. We have purchased hepa filters for our air handlers and use vital oxide sprayers during the evening cleaning routine.</p> <p>Windows will be cracked on buses and rooms when needed. Cleaning solutions will be available in each classroom if students wish to wash desk areas before/after use.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>WASD will follow the requirements of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH regarding contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine to the greatest extent possible. The District works very closely with the PA DOH to conduct contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine requirements.</p> <p>All contact tracing will occur at the building(s) level and reported to the Superintendent. Families will be notified 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. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>WASD will follow the requirements of CDC, PDE, and PA DOH diagnostic and screening testing. The District will continue to provide</p>

	information regarding diagnostic and screening centers within the District. District nurses will monitor, record, and report all illnesses.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	WASD will continue to partner with local health care providers to assist with any local vaccination clinics within our district. We will continue to provide a location for community vaccinations if requested.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;	Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies will be addressed on an individual basis for all students with an IEP/GIEP/504 plan as requested.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	WASD will continue to coordinate with state and local health officials.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Wellsboro Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on January 25, 2022.

The plan was approved by a vote of: 5 Yes 4 No

Affirmed on: January 25, 2022

By :



(Signature of Board President)

Christopher Gastrock

(Print Name of Board President)

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