



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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: Keystone School District

Initial Effective Date: July 20, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 19, 2021, December 13, 2021

Date of Last Revision: July 19, 2021, December 16, 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?

The Keystone School District will monitor CDC recommendations and will communicate all recommendations to the parents and students of the Keystone School District for their individual consideration. The Keystone School District will honor and follow all COVID-19 mitigation mandates and will implement them with fidelity.

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 Keystone School District fully intends to be in person for the 2021 / 2022 school year and will offer our full range of services to our students and staff to meet their academic, social-emotional and mental health needs. In the case where we would be forced to transition to remote learning, the Keystone School District will continue the highest level of education and support for our students through remote learning and a virtual presence with our students. All Keystone School District students will continue to receive a Chromebook for the 2021 / 2022 school year that will be used to access remote learning if needed. The District will also offer Hot Spots to our parents and students in case there is a need for internet access during our time on remote learning. Lastly, the Keystone School District will also ensure students are provided with the opportunity to access meals during a transition to remote learning. Students will be offered packed lunches for each school day during a transition to remote learning.

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 <u>masks</u> ;	The Keystone School District will honor and follow all mandates concerning the wearing of facial coverings and masks. The Keystone School District will monitor

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	<p>CDC recommendations and will communicate all recommendations to the parents and students of the Keystone School District for their individual consideration. The district will not require the use of masks from faculty and students in the absence of a state/federal enforceable order requiring the district to do so.</p>
<p>b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>The Keystone School District will honor and follow all mandates concerning the use of social distancing within the District. The Keystone School District will evaluate CDC recommendations in the context of local occurrences and will implement as necessary to the best of the district's ability to do so.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<p>The Keystone School District will continue to encourage handwashing and respiratory etiquette per the CDC recommendations. This encouragement will come in the form of continuing the usage of signage within the school and utilizing procedures within classrooms such as washing hands before eating and following certain group activities.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>The Keystone School District will continue to ensure the daily cleaning of high-touch surfaces within the school district and ensuring the daily cleaning of all schools. If a positive COVID-19 case is discovered within the district, deep cleaning of the area will be undertaken. Ventilation within the Keystone School District will continue to be monitored, as well as the exchange of air within the classrooms.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>The Keystone School District will, as required, continue our communication with the state and local Departments of Health concerning the identification and contact tracing of positive COVID-19 students and staff members. The Keystone School District will require all Covid positive students and staff to quarantine as well as all symptomatic students and staff following the current recommended CDC guidelines. Close contacts will be asked to receive their educational services from home for the</p>

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	<p>recommended time according to the CDC and PADOH.</p> <p>Household contacts will be asked to receive their educational services from home for the recommended time according to the CDC and PADOH guidance. If they are not willing or able to quarantine, they can continue to come to school wearing a facial covering for 15 days or until they can produce a covid negative PCR or Rapid test. The test needs to be administered at a minimum of 7 days after becoming notified that they are a household contact. Masks will no longer be required after 15 days or receipt of a negative test after day 7. This also applies to fully vaccinated students.</p> <p>Any situation that is not clearly defined above will follow the recommended CDC guidelines. If the CDC guidelines are changed that result in a less stringent manner, the district will follow the least restrictive guidelines.</p>
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	The Keystone School District will communicate a self-screening tool to all parents and students concerning COVID-19 symptoms and when students need to remain home from school.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	The Keystone School District feels that the administering of the COVID-19 vaccination is a personal decision for each family to consider and will encourage each family to make a decision that is best for each student and family member.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	The Keystone School District will review all requests for appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities in response to COVID-19 mitigation efforts and decisions will be made in coordination with the student's IEP Team and Medical Team.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The Keystone School District will continue to honor and follow any mandates from the state and local health departments and will continue to share required information with both organizations

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	concerning students and staff who are COVID-19 positive and data concerning the contact tracing of these individuals.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Keystone School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 19, 2021

Revised December 20, 2021

Revised on January 24, 2022

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: July 19, 2021

Revision Affirmed on: December 20, 2021. The revised plan takes effect as of 12/21/2021.

Revision Affirmed on: January 24, 2022. The revised plan takes effect as of 1/25/2022.

By:

1/24/2022



(Signature* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

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