

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Wissahickon School District

Initial Effective Date: August 30, 2021

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Part I: Guiding Questions

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 District's Health and Safety Plan (HSP) will take into account recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH). As such, the plan is a "living document" which may need to be revised as recommendations change. Such changes will be communicated to the Wissahickon School District community via all normal channels. The following chart outlines the actions the District will engage in to promote the health and safety of students, staff, and community members.

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 District will provide in-person instruction 5 days per week unless an emergency declaration prevents in-person learning. Throughout the upcoming school year, the District will contract with the Aldersgate Youth Service Bureau for the provision of mental health services, in both individual and small group settings. Additionally, our school counselors and other Student Services Department personnel will provide support for students and families as necessary. Our Employee Assistance Program will also be available for staff needing assistance. Finally, meals served by the District are being provided at no charge to families for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

Part II: ARP ESSER Requirements and District Responsibilities

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grades K-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Required of all individuals in a K-5 school through December 2021 (presuming a vaccine is approved and made available for children under the age of 12 sometime in the fall of 2021—if not, the masking requirement will stay in place until the vaccine is approved/available). ■ Masks required at all times on K-5 buses through December 2021, minimally, and beyond that if required by federal or state law (or if a vaccine is not available for children under 12 by then). ■ Distancing will be in effect to the greatest extent possible at snack time and lunch (when masks are off for eating). ■ Exceptions granted only w/ valid doctor’s note. ■ Face shields MAY be used by adults in lieu of masks. ○ Grade 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Masks are required of all students and staff while in a classroom. ■ Masks are optional at all other times, except while on a bus if required by federal or state law. ■ Distancing will be in effect to the greatest extent possible at lunch (when masks are off for eating). ■ Exceptions granted only w/ valid doctor’s note. ■ Face shields MAY be used by adults in lieu of masks. ○ Grades 7-12: Masks are optional at all times (except while on a bus, if required by federal or state law). ● Outdoor Activities: Masks/facial coverings are optional for all individuals (distancing while outdoors will be maintained to the greatest extent possible in Grades K-5 until a vaccine is available). ● The District shall consider the recommendations (and follow the mandates) of the CDC, the PADOH, the PDE and the MCOHP.
<p>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classrooms - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain class size guidelines to the greatest extent possible.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remove extra furniture from classrooms to the greatest extent possible. ● Cafeterias - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow the recommendations of the CDC, the PADOH, and the MCOPH for distancing while eating to the greatest extent possible. ● Transportation - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limit seating to two (2) students per seat to the maximum extent feasible.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide direct, explicit instruction on proper hygiene, including but not necessarily limited to: handwashing, coughing/sneezing, etc. for students and staff. ○ Provide access to soap/water and/or hand sanitizer throughout the day. ● Visual Reminders - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post signs in visible places throughout each building including, but not necessarily limited to: classrooms, restrooms, hallways, gymnasiums, cafeterias, offices, etc.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, ventilation;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cleaning - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procure products appropriate for effective cleaning and sanitizing buildings. ○ Provide training for all custodial and maintenance staff on proper cleaning and sanitation procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. ○ Clean and disinfect all high-touch surfaces (desks, tables, water fountains, door handles, light switches, etc.) daily, following posted EPA/CDC/manufacturer guidelines. ○ Make available to all individuals the ability to sanitize or wash hands on a frequent basis. Hand sanitizer will be available in common areas, hallways, etc. ● Ventilation - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure each building has appropriate air circulation and ventilation. ○ Require air dampers to be open to promote airflow in all buildings.

<p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Tracing - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Require seating charts to be maintained for all classrooms and instructional spaces to the greatest extent possible. ○ Identify close contacts of individuals with COVID-19 through the contact tracing process. ○ Adhere to quarantine and return-to-school guidance as directed by the MCOPH. ● Isolation and Quarantine - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain a quarantine area in each building. The quarantine area will have proper ventilation. ○ Require individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while in one of the District’s buildings to report immediately to the designated quarantine location in that building. ○ Provide appropriate PPE to staff and students in the quarantine location and to those interacting directly with such an individual (one who becomes sick in school or demonstrates a history of exposure) who reports to the quarantine area. ○ Follow the MCOPH’s guidance regarding when students can return to school following having symptoms of COVID-19 or contracting the virus. ● Collaboration with State and Local Health Departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health about all possible and/or confirmed cases of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a reportable disease. As such, the District is required to communicate with the MCOPH to report all cases of COVID-19.
<p>Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diagnostic and Screening Testing - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work collaboratively with the MCOPH on potential options for diagnostic and screening testing. Should the District engage in this testing, the community will be notified of such as soon as practicable.
<p>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vaccinations - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partner with pharmacies and/or the MCOPH to provide opportunities for eligible individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. When the vaccine is available to children younger than 12 years of age, the District will work to create optional opportunities for students to receive vaccinations at school. ● Vaccines shall NOT be required unless directed otherwise by the PADOH, the PDE or the MCOPH.

Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accommodations for Students with Disabilities - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Document individual student needs in students' IEPs or 504s. Individual student needs will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and accommodations will be made accordingly, as determined by the IEP/504 team.
Coordination with state and local health officials;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordination with State and Local Health Officials - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate with the MCOPH on each case of COVID-19. ○ Review this Health & Safety Plan every six months, or more frequently as needed, or whenever there is a significant change to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for the **Wissahickon School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 19, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **July 19, 2021**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)