



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: Harrisburg School District

Initial Effective Date: August 2020

Date of Last Review: January 2022

Date of Last Revision: January 2022

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 LEA continues to:

- Follow the current Receiver-approved Health and Safety Plan through July 31, 2021 and will follow all update guidance from the CDC for the safe reopening and operation of school facilities to the extent practicable;
 - Continue to monitor buildings/facilities improvements related specifically to air quality and ventilation, which, to date, have included the following:
 - purchase and deployment of in-room purification systems in every occupied space, such as classrooms, offices, and cafeterias;
 - contract with HVAC specialists to analyze ventilation and air-flow rates in every occupied space and follow through with recommendations to achieve proper ventilation and air flow, which may include the following:
 - possible repair and/or replacement of in-room unit ventilators;
 - install, repair, and/or replace building HVAC systems.
 - Participate in COVID-19 vaccination efforts as requested and/or planned in partnership with community organizations.
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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 LEA is providing:

- In-person Extended School Year, Summer Learning Programs. In addition to instruction, these programs will provide:
 - Related services, including counseling services
 - Snacks in the classrooms and Grab and Go lunches
 - Transportation
- Support internet access for students completing on-line credit recovery programs and summer programming in collaboration with Comcast
- Ongoing referral to Employee Assistance Programs (staff) and community

- mental health resources (students)
- Ongoing Trauma-Informed School practices and training.
- Ongoing Crisis Response as needed
- School Nursing coverage to provide continue case management and contact tracing of students who test positive for COVID19
- Meal Distribution at designated pick-up sites, as well as coordination of meal delivery to at-risk students and their families
- Implementation of Flexible Instructional Days, as approved by PDE

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
<p>a. Wearing of masks;</p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022. Outdoor activities will not require masks. Indoor masking is required for all students, visitors and staff unless otherwise communicated by the Superintendent's Office. Students being transported must wear masks per federal and local regulations. Seating on a regular size bus will average 2 per seat (48 students on secondary). Seating on elementary busing will not exceed 60 students.</p> <p>Changes to masking requirements for students and staff when levels of high community transmission are occurring will be communicated to families. Notice will be given by the Superintendent's Office that during periods of high transmission the school district will prohibit the use of cloth masking.</p> <p>The district will require and provide for students, visitors and staff a mask that is 3 ply thick, disposable with an adjustable nose band. Personal masks meeting or exceeding the above thresholds during high transmission are allowable but will not be provided by the school district. As an example, N95 masks that are self-supplied would be allowable.</p>

	<p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, Centers for Disease Control and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</u></p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022 which calls for 3-6 ft of social distancing when possible. Social distancing measures will be applied if case counts begin to increase or new variants surface demonstrating a new spread is occurring. Changes to distancing requirements will be communicated to families. During peaks of high transmission, meetings should be held virtually when possible.</p> <p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022. We encourage proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette as it will reduce the spread of other illnesses.</p> <p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022.</p>
	<p>Enhanced cleaning activities will continue. The Facilities Department will continue with ongoing building projects to improve air quality and ventilation in each building. Air purifiers will continue to be available for identified classrooms and office spaces throughout the district through August 28, 2022.</p>

	<p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022 . All contract tracing is coordinated through the Pandemic Coordinator and Human Resources Department. Quarantine periods may be adjusted based on community spread and other factors which may impact the health and safety of students and staff. Modifications to quarantine requirements for staff and/or students will be communicated through the Pandemic Coordinator and/or Human Resources.</p> <p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022.</p> <p>At this time, the Harrisburg School is not providing nor administering COVID-19 tests at school sites for students or staff. Any future modifications to this plan will be communicated to students, staff and families.</p> <p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>

<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to partner with community organizations such as UPMC and Hamilton Health to support community vaccination efforts.</p> <p>The District will continue to promote other community-based efforts to vaccinate student, staff and community.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Harrisburg School will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022. Special requests for additional PPE will be reviewed and granted on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Harrisburg School District will continue to follow the current Health and Safety Plan through August 28, 2022.</p> <p>Revisions to the plan will be based upon guidance from local medical professionals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Court Appointed Receiver for **Harrisburg School District** reviewed and approved the revised Health and Safety Plan on **January 18, 2022**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

___ **Yes**

___ **No**

Affirmed on: **January 18, 2022**

By:

(Signature of Court Appointed Receiver)*

(Print Name of Court Appointed Receiver)

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

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