



Health and Safety Plan: Souderton Area School District

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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 Souderton Area School District community via email messages. The chart contained in this HSP 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 with the full complement of services necessary to meet the needs of students and staff.

Part II: ARP ESSER Requirements and District Responsibilities

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
Universal and correct wearing of masks;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks/Facial Coverings: The District shall maintain the following expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Indoor Activities: Masks/facial coverings are optional for all individuals, excepting that masks are recommended, but not required, for any individual with a recent COVID-19 exposure or illness as per CDC guidelines ◦ Outdoor Activities: Masks/facial coverings are optional for all individuals. ◦ Transportation Vehicles: Effective February 25, 2022, the CDC does not require masks on school transportation vehicles. Masks/facial coverings are optional for all individuals on all forms of school transportation.
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Distancing: The District shall allow as much spacing as possible when required to do so by MCOPH or PADOH. This applies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Classrooms ◦ Cafeterias ◦ Large group spaces for instruction

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide instruction on proper hygiene, including but not limited to: handwashing, coughing/sneezing, etc. for students and staff. ○ Provide access to soap/water and/or hand sanitizer throughout the day. Encourage all individuals to sanitize or wash hands on a frequent basis. ● Visual Reminders - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post handwashing and respiratory etiquette signs in visible places throughout each building including, but not 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: <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. ○ Clean and sanitize all surfaces, rooms, and common areas on a daily basis while school is in session. ● Ventilation - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure each building has appropriate air circulation and ventilation. ○ Equip each nurse's suite across the District with an air purifier.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Tracing - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conduct contact tracing and quarantine when required to do so by MCOPH or PADOH. ● Isolation and Quarantine - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Require individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while in one of the District's buildings to report immediately to the nurse. ○ Provide appropriate PPE to staff and students in the nurse's suite. ○ Recommend that students and staff exhibiting symptoms of illness stay home until well and recommend that individuals with COVID-19 to follow CDC isolation guidelines. ● Collaboration with State and Local Health Departments - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor the recommendations of the CDC, the PADOH, and the MCOPH.
Diagnostic and screening testing;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diagnostic and Screening Testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to the wide availability of free, at-home diagnostic tests, the District will not offer diagnostic and screening testing in schools.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vaccinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to the wide availability of local vaccination opportunities, the District will not offer vaccination clinics.
Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accommodations for Students with Disabilities - The District shall: <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.)
Coordination with state and local health officials;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordination with State and Local Health Officials - The District shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report the number of positive student and staff cases to MCOPH upon request. ○ Monitor the recommendations of the CDC, the PADOH, and the MCOPH

Given the rapidly changing conditions and associated recommendations and/or possible binding directives of jurisdictional authorities related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the meeting schedule of the Board, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to modify this plan at any time following the current Board action. Changes will be communicated to the board, students, families, and staff via email and web site postings. Nothing in this action, however, will prevent the board from modifying any of the actions of the Superintendent in the future or limit the board's role to review the Health and Safety Plan.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement


The Board of School Directors of the **Souderton Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 25, 2022**.

The plan was approved by a vote of: 8-0

☒ Yes

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By:



(Signature of Board President)

Kenneth R Keith

(Print Name of Board President)