



Johnsonburg Area School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

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: Johnsonburg Area School District

Initial Effective Date: July 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 12, 2021

Date of Last Revision: August 12, 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 JASD will monitor the latest recommendations from PDE, PADOH, and CDC and update our Health and Safety Plans as needed. Plans will be presented to the governing Board for approval when changes are necessary. Facilities and practices will be adapted to the extent possible to ensure that appropriate prevention and mitigation processes are followed. Administration will monitor local case counts and take that data into account when considering the latest guidance from state and federal agencies.

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?

Educational models will be adapted to the needs of the students, as appropriate, including virtual if needed. Social, emotional mental health and other needs will be monitored and provided by school health providers, mental health providers and other specialists when needed. Food service will be provided using various models as appropriate to the situation, including the availability of free meals if needed for students throughout the school year.

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>;	Students and staff will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks or face coverings while in the classroom. If, however, government orders require the wearing of face coverings, these orders will be enforced by the JASD.

	<p>The Board of Directors has also allowed the superintendent to mandate masks under certain conditions. These conditions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When five or more positive cases exist in one building ; 2. AND/OR 10% or more students are quarantined in one building. <p>In each situation, masks will be mandated for 14 calendar days from the date of the building mask mandate.</p> <p>Face coverings must be worn so as to cover the mouth and nose.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Buildings will operate at full capacity. To the greatest extent feasible, student desks and workstations will be spread out when students are doing individual work. Cooperative groups will remain constant when possible. When possible, students will be seated facing the same direction, and staggered or diagonal seating will be utilized at shared tables. Student assemblies will be minimized to essential items.</p> <p>Recess and physical education continue with limitations to physical contact when possible. Sports equipment and materials will be sanitized as frequently as possible.</p> <p>Students must wear a mask on school transportation or the student will be transported by the parents. Bus drivers will highlight the importance of facing forward when riding the bus. When possible, ventilation will be increased by opening windows. Bus contractors sanitize buses after each bus run.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></p>	<p>Social distancing signs will be posted in and out of the buildings. Signs will promote everyday practices that stop the spread of germs. All staff are aware of cleaning procedures, personal hygiene and classroom level responsibilities prior to and during the August in-service</p>

	<p>schedule. At the elementary level, regular hand washing will be scheduled and enforced by faculty and staff.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Desks and high touch surfaces will be disinfected as frequently as possible. Sanitation stations for disinfecting hands have been created throughout both schools. Hand sanitizer is readily available and students will be encouraged to use it frequently. Classroom windows will be left open when feasible.</p> <p>Additional cleaning staff that were hired during the 20-21 SY will remain employed through the 21-22 SY.</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>Students who show COVID symptoms will be given a mask and sent to the nurse's office for screening. At the nurse's discretion, the student will be sent home. Families will be asked to inform the district when students test positive for COVID.</p> <p>When students test positive, contact tracing procedures will be conducted by teachers and administrators. Administrators and secretaries will inform parents when students are considered close contacts. District administration will provide line lists to the DOH and coordinate where possible with the DOH. Required quarantine times will be enforced as directed by the PA DOH.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>COVID symptom screenings will be conducted by staff each morning before they leave for work. COVID symptom screenings will be conducted by parents and guardians each morning before children leave for school. The COVID symptom check will be posted on the JASD website. Students and staff who are ill will be advised to stay home.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations</u> to <u>school communities</u>;</p>	<p>JASD will continue to coordinate with community health partners to facilitate voluntary vaccination clinics for the health</p>

	and convenience of our students and families.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities documented in an IEP or Section 504 plan will continue to receive accommodations as deemed necessary and appropriate by the IEP team.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The JASD Superintendent will continue to meet regularly with the Intermediate Unit (IU 9) Executive Director, IU Staff, and other school leaders in the IU Area. Additionally, the school nurse will attend appropriate school health meetings (if available) on a regular basis.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Johnsonburg Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 12, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **August 12, 2021**

By:


(Signature* of Board President)


(Print Name of Board President)

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

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

Option B: If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.