

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, PA 17601



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund:

Health & Safety Plan for 2021/2022 School Year
As Required by the PA Department of Education (June 4, 2021)



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Health and Safety Plan Summary:

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Initial Effective Date: AUGUST 24, 2021

Date of Review and Adoption: JUNE 17, 2021

Date of Last Revision: As per the June 4, 2021 requirement by the PDE, *"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."* The school district will follow this directive for any future necessary revisions.

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 Manheim Township School District has proudly opened its doors to students from the first day of school during the last school year – August 25, 2020. In preparation for opening the facilities during the 2020-2021 school year, the school district facilitated a highly structured process for developing the required comprehensive health and safety plan for the PDE. This final document, titled "2020-2021 PDE Health and Safety Plan for Reopening Schools," outlined the full safety measures in place for the return of students and staff into the buildings. These safety measures included procedures to address the following: (1) cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilation; (2) social distancing, wearing masks, and other safety protocols; (3) monitoring student and staff health; and (4) other considerations for students and staff. The school district remained vigilant for the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year in the implementation of this Board-approved PDE Health and Safety Plan for Reopening Schools. And as the requirements and guidelines for safety measures changed frequently throughout the school year, the district was responsive and pivoted accordingly.

For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.

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?

Given that the Manheim Township School District offered three choices for instruction to families during the 2020-2021 school year - in-person learning, remote learning, and learning through its virtual academy, students were actively engaged in their academic studies throughout the school year. Through the provision of synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction during days when the schools needed to close due

to COVID-19 cases (and contact tracing and cleaning), and inclement weather, the continuity of services were ensured to students. Tele-health services, tele-counseling services, and others were provided to students as needed. The social, emotional, and mental health of students were addressed through a variety of ways, such as counseling, class meetings and advisory periods, student clubs, etc. For staff, the district and individual schools provided individual and collective supports via faculty meetings activities, opportunities to meet privately with EAP counselors on designated dates (dates varied by school), and in-services. Students' health needs were met individually through the school's Health Services Department. And the Food Services Department provided breakfast and lunch to students each day of the school year, as well as interested families throughout the summer months (June-August 2020).

Similarly, the district will continue to provide in-person learning to students during the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. If families seek the option for their student(s) to receive online academic work instead of in-person learning, they can enroll their student in the district's virtual academy (known as the Manheim Township Virtual Academy [MTVA]). The district will continue to provide social, emotional, and mental health support to students in the same venue (with more opportunities for in-person clubs during the upcoming school year), with supports also offered to students enrolled in the MTVA. Food Services will continue to provide meals, including free breakfasts and lunches during the Summer 2021 (June-August). If any staff member is in need of social, emotional, and mental health support, the district will continue to encourage them to participate in its EAP program which provides several free services to employees.

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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 masks ;	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.

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b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of

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	PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to monitor the ever-changing and applicable requirements or guidelines from the Commonwealth of PA or the CDC that are effective on or after July 30, 2021. If there are any changes or revisions to those applicable requirements or guidelines after July 30, 2021, we will follow them, and update the plan accordingly.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Any specific accommodations relating to health and safety outlined in students' Individualized Education Plans will be followed.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The county does not have a local health agency. The district will continue to collaborate with the PA DOH.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on June 17, 2021

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes
0 No

Affirmed on:

By:

Nikki Rivera
(Signature of Board President)

Mrs. Nikki Rivera

(Print Name of Board President)