



# **Blue Mountain School District**

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## **ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan**

### **2023-2024 School Year**

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: Blue Mountain School District

**Initial Effective Date:** August 18, 2021

**Review Dates:** January 27, 2022; August 15, 2022; December 15, 2022; June 22, 2023

**Dates of Last Review:** January 27, 2022; August 15, 2022; December 15, 2022; June 22, 2023

**Date of Last Revision:** December 15, 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?

Blue Mountain School District was able to safely start and remain fully open for in-person instruction for the entire 2020-21 school year by following our written Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan. That plan was written by considering all guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and our local Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). We had intermittent closures due to the COVID-19 case count that were in alignment with the mitigation recommendations put forth by DOH and the Department of Education. We will again be opening for in-person instruction and continue to offer a virtual option as well.

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?

Blue Mountain School District will continue to ensure that the mental and physical well-being of our students are maintained regardless of their instructional format. All families who need assistance with internet/connectivity will again be offered hot spots. Food services will also be provided regardless of instructional format choice.

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> ;	Blue Mountain School District will follow any face covering legal requirements put into effect by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the Pennsylvania Department of Health

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	(DOH), while monitoring and considering all recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Community and school transmission levels will be monitored weekly and physical distancing will be implemented where feasible.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	Hand sanitizer will be made available in individual classrooms as well as common areas such as the cafeteria. Signage will continue to be posted to remind all staff and students to practice regular hand washing. In addition, signage will continue to be posted to reinforce hygiene practices such as covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when ill.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	Clean high touch surfaces and objects (such as, door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains) within the school and on school transport vehicles (such as, buses) at least once a day or as often as needed (for example, when visibly dirty). Limit sharing of high touch objects that are difficult to regularly clean (such as, electronic devices, pens, pencils, books, games, art supplies, lab equipment).
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Blue Mountain School District will follow any legal requirements related to contact tracing, isolation, reporting, and quarantine by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Accurate seating charts will be utilized to assist with contact tracing if needed. Blue Mountain School District will work closely with the above agencies to monitor and consider recommendations for mitigation.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Blue Mountain School District will again recommend for all students and staff, that symptom monitoring take place at home each morning before coming to school. Nursing staff will follow CDC and Pennsylvania DOH symptom screening flow charts when making decisions regarding exclusion and testing recommendations.

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	Parents/guardians and staff must notify the school if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An absence is due to COVID-19 symptoms.</li> <li>• A confirmed positive COVID-19 test result.</li> </ul>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	A current list of local vaccination opportunities will be maintained and communicated as requested.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Each situation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Avoid the use of communal objects or disinfect between use. Extra precautions will be taken for students with special feeding and toileting needs.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Blue Mountain School District will continue to work with Pennsylvania Department of Health and other local agencies regarding mitigation strategies in an effort to maintain the health of our school community.

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Blue Mountain School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on June 22, 2023.


The plan was approved by a vote of:

  5   **Yes**

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Affirmed on: June 22, 2023

By:

  
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(Signature\* of Board President)

Mrs. Michelle Vesay

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(Print Name of Board President)

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