



# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

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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.



## Health and Safety Plan Summary: Wyoming Valley West School District

**Initial Effective Date: August 1, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: July 16, 2021**

**Date of Last Revision:**

- 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 Wyoming Valley West School District is committed to keeping students in school for in-person daily instruction as the optimal mode of operation. The District will prioritize the health and well-being of both students and staff in the delivery of instruction and the maintenance of its facilities. The District will continue to self-screen daily and to expect students and staff to stay home if they are feeling ill. Hygiene and cleaning protocols that were established and developed during the 2020-2021 school year will remain in place at the school facilities. The District will develop and revise procedures and policies for the reopening and operation of school facilities as needed, considering information and guidance received from the Center for Disease Control, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- 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 Wyoming Valley West School District will continue to develop a broad range of services to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. The District will utilize school counselors, outside agencies, and mental health programs, and provide in-service training on recognizing at-risk students to all professional staff. We will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students throughout the 2021-22 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 <a href="#">masks</a> ;	Students and staff will not be required to wear masks or face coverings during the school day. Currently, masks are required on transportation provided by the district. If the Department of Health, PDE or the CDC issues and order or levels of community spread increase, changes may be made to increase the use of masks during the school day or in more settings.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Student desks will be spaced 3 feet apart to the maximum extent possible and continue to face in the same direction; other strategies for distancing include staggered class changes, limited stairwells and defined traffic patterns in hallways.
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	Nurses will instruct staff and students on hygiene and handwashing protocol and appropriate use of sanitizer. Hygiene and handwashing procedures and hygiene reminders will be implemented and posted with high visibility. Hand washing/sanitizing protocols will be required upon building entry/departure, and sanitizer will be available in each classroom. Students will be reminded to cover mouth/nose when sneezing or coughing.
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	The district will continue to implement recommended and already established guidelines for cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and ventilation practices.
e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Contact tracing, isolation, and quarantining will continue according to the most current guidelines.
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	Students and staff will complete daily screenings and instructed on the signs and symptoms of illness.
g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	The district will continue to share information on vaccines. When the vaccine is approved for 2-12 year olds, the district will organize a vaccination clinic on site.

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<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Wyoming Valley West will continue to offer a free and appropriate public education for all students. This includes providing appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities, including any necessary modifications with respect to our health and safety policies.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>We will continue to work with local health officials to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.</p>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Wyoming Valley West School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **TBD**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**

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Affirmed on:

By:

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*(Signature\* of Board President)*

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*(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.