

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Corry Area School District

Initial Effective Date: August 23, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 29, 2021 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date of Last Revision: N/A

- 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?**

For the 2021-22 school year, the Corry Area School District will continue to build upon our previous health and safety plan, which proved to be successful in providing in-person learning. Additionally, our prevention and mitigation policies will align with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC, as we prepare for the opening of the school year.

Local and county-wide transmission data will be reviewed weekly to determine the need to adjust our plan. The District will also collaborate with state and local health departments when making decisions related to in-person learning.

- 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?**

Even with our success in providing in-person learning during the 2020-21 school year, the District recognized the need to offer additional learning opportunities for our students during the summer. These opportunities included credit recovery for our high school students, summer programming to address potential learning loss for middle school and elementary school students, in addition to Extended School Year (ESY) and COVID Compensatory Education Services (CCES) for students with disabilities. To eliminate barriers affecting participation in the programs, transportation was provided. In addition, school-supported resources, such as meals, counseling, and health services, were available for participating students.

Looking forward to the opening of the 2021-22 school year, the District will offer in-person learning to all students, along with an asynchronous remote learning option through a contracted service. All students, in-person and remote, will have access to school-supported resources to meet their individual needs.

Social-emotional supports for our staff will be available through our Employee Assistance Program provided by Stairways Behavioral Health. Employees may access this program free of charge by calling 1-814-456-0584 or 1-800-321-7988. Additional information can be found at www.stairwaysbh.org.

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;	<p><u>School Transportation</u></p> <p>Under a CDC Order issued in January 2021, the CDC requires masks, regardless of vaccination status, when on public transportation - this includes on school buses and vans operated by public and private school systems. However, a driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.</p> <p><u>School Buildings</u></p> <p>Per CDC guidance, as supported by PADOH and PDE, it is recommended that all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while in a school building.</p> <p>During times of substantial or high levels of community transmission or increasing trends in outbreaks, the District may require universal masking until data indicates a decline in transmission levels. Modifications to the protocols for masking may be needed based on the CDC COVID Data Tracker.</p> <table><tr><th>Indicator</th><th>Low</th><th>Moderate</th><th>Substantial</th><th>High</th></tr><tr><td>Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days</td><td>0–9</td><td>10–49</td><td>50–99</td><td>>100</td></tr><tr><td>Percentage of positive tests in the past 7 days</td><td><5.0%</td><td>5.0%–7.9%</td><td>8.0%–9.9%</td><td>>10.0%</td></tr></table> <p>Per CDC guidance, in general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.</p> <p>The District will be supportive of individuals who choose to continue wearing a mask, as a personal choice.</p> <p>Teach and reinforce proper use of masks among students and staff through lessons provided by the school nurses, signage posted in the hallways, and videos prepared by Global Media.</p>	Indicator	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High	Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0–9	10–49	50–99	>100	Percentage of positive tests in the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0%–7.9%	8.0%–9.9%	>10.0%
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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts or podding);</p>	<p>The District will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms and other learning spaces to the greatest extent possible. Classroom seating will be arranged in rows with all students facing the same direction.</p> <p>Teachers will have updated seating charts available at all times to assist with contact tracing.</p> <p>Large spaces such as the auditorium, gymnasiums, cafeteria, and LGI may be repurposed as necessary.</p> <p>For PK-5 students, schedules will remain as static as possible, with the same group of students remaining with the same staff members.</p> <p>For 6-12, schedule adjustments will be made and additional sections of courses will be added to reduce class sizes.</p> <p>Classrooms or other large spaces may be utilized for breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>Physical distancing reminders will be posted throughout the school buildings.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>The District will utilize CDC handwashing resources, including proper handwashing techniques, teaching and reinforcing good hygiene strategies, health promotion materials, and tips to ensure proper handwashing routines. https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html</p> <p>Students and staff will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands before and after eating, upon entry into the building, when moving between rooms, and after using the restrooms.</p> <p>If handwashing is not possible, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizers should be stored up, away, and out of sight of young children and should be used only with adult supervision for children under 6 years of age.</p> <p>Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the school buildings and in classrooms for student and staff use.</p> <p>Signs will be posted throughout each building in the district, including, but not limited to, entrances/exits, near bathrooms, near water bottle filling stations, and in classrooms, stressing symptoms of COVID-19, when to stay home, stopping the spread of germs, and overall solid hygiene practices.</p>

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	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc</p> <p>Ensure communications are in common languages spoken at school and home and easily understandable for students and adults.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Custodial staff will follow all CDC guidelines when they clean and disinfect classrooms, common areas and high-touch surfaces using EPA-approved products in each building daily.</p> <p>Each building will be equipped with a Victory Electrostatic Sprayer for disinfecting purposes.</p> <p>Maintenance staff will monitor the automated Building Operations System for proper indoor air quality and ventilation in all student and staff areas.</p> <p>Preventative maintenance will continue to be conducted on all HVAC equipment to ensure proper airflow and filtering, including ESSER-funded upgrades.</p> <p>Classroom windows and doors will be open whenever possible to increase ventilation. Classroom doors should be locked in case they need to be closed quickly.</p> <p>Prohibit the use of communal drinking fountains. Safe alternatives will be provided, including water bottle filling stations.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Isolation areas for symptomatic students or staff have been established at each building. If the isolation area has been utilized, the area will be cleaned and disinfected within 24 hours.</p> <p>When a case of COVID-19 is identified within the school setting, the District will complete contact tracing by identifying any individuals who are deemed to be close contacts. The list of close contacts will be shared with state and local health departments who will determine their need to quarantine.</p> <p>When a student has been identified as a close contact of a positive case, the student is required to quarantine per the Department of Health Order, unless the student shows proof that he/she is fully vaccinated and he/she is not symptomatic.</p> <p>Parents/guardians can voluntarily provide their child's COVID-19 vaccination information to the school nurse so it can be entered into their school health record for future reference, especially in a situation where their child may be identified as a close contact.</p>

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	<p>The District website will display an updated COVID-19 Tracker and be utilized to share any necessary information with parents, staff, and community.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>Provide a health screening tool for students and staff to utilize before reporting to school.</p> <p>Communicate to students and staff they should not come to school or work and to notify school officials if they become sick with, test positive for, or are exposed to someone with COVID-19.</p> <p>Students that present with symptoms associated with COVID-19 while in school will be evaluated by the school nurse and sent home with the CASD COVID-19 Referral Form. The Referral Form will outline the process for the student to return to school. Vaccination status and presence of symptoms will determine next steps for additional students living in the household.</p> <p>Work collaboratively with Dr. Breon, CASD school physician, and other medical providers for consultation and access to COVID-19 testing.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>Share information regarding vaccination clinics within our community.</p> <p>If requested, the District will consider providing accommodations for a vaccination clinic.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Students with disabilities will have access to the same programs and opportunities as non-disabled peers, as well as accommodations based on their individual needs detailed within their IEP or 504 plan.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The District will maintain existing partnerships with the PADOH, ECDOH, and PDE.</p> <p>The District's pandemic coordinator meets weekly with representatives from the PADOH and ECDOH to review updated guidance and prevention and mitigation strategies.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Corry Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 9, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

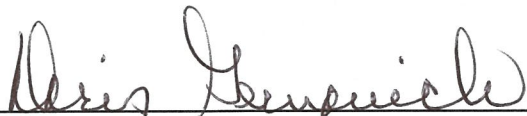
8 Yes

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Affirmed on:

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Doris P. Gernovich

(Print Name of Board President)

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