

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Western Wayne School District

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Date of Last Review: August 11, 2021

Date of Last Revision:

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 Western Wayne School District returned to full-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year with much success. The district developed a Health and Safety Plan in collaboration with our administrators, employees, and local health officials (Wayne Memorial Hospital and the Department of Health). Our Health and Safety plans proved their worth throughout the year, as we did not experience the community spread of COVID-19 in any of our school buildings. For the 2021-2022 school year, Western Wayne School District will continue to implement prevention and mitigation procedures developed for the 2020-2021 school year, which utilize CDC and PA DOH guidance.

1. 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 Western Wayne School District will continue to evaluate the needs of our students and staff. This year, students will have greater access to remediation and enrichment opportunities. In addition, the district anticipates after-school tutoring and a summer program for 2022.

Faculty and staff will receive additional social, emotional, and mental health training during the 2021-2022 school year. School counselors, social workers, behavior specialist, and therapists are available to provide a continuum of services to students in the school setting, thus minimizing the disruption of the school day and eliminating potential barriers for families. Students at the secondary level will receive Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and trauma-informed lessons. Elementary students will participate in guidance lessons in the classroom presented by school counselors.

2. 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
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the Pennsylvania State DOH, the mask wearing mandate has expired. • The CDC recommends that people age 2 and older should wear masks in public settings and when around people who do not live in their household. It is recommended that students and staff wear a mask while inside the school building; however, it is not required. • As per the CDC's order on wearing masks on public transportation, regardless of the school mask policy, passengers and drivers are required to wear masks on district transportation. • As circumstances with the pandemic change, mask mandate procedures may be modified.
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be socially distanced as much as possible throughout the school day (transportation, classrooms, cafeteria, etc.). • Teachers will continue utilizing seating charts to assist in the event to contact tracing. • Hallway signage will be utilized to increase physical distancing while students are moving throughout the hallway. • As circumstances with the pandemic change, physical/social distancing procedures may be modified.

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<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<p>To prevent the spread of germs during the COVID-19 pandemic, you should also wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to clean hands BEFORE and AFTER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touching your eyes, nose, or mouth • Touching your mask • Entering and leaving a public place • Touching an item or surface that may be touched by many people (door handle, table, etc.). <p>Signage will be posted throughout the schools encouraging proper hand sanitation.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed throughout the school for student/staff use.</p> <p>Staff and Students are expected to adhere to hygiene practices set forth by CDC and DOH. Hand soap and hand sanitizer will be provided with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Implement/continue daily deep cleaning and sanitation procedures in buildings along with the increased/additional cleaning of high touch points and bathrooms in accordance with facility usage. All cleaning supplies and procedures will be in accordance with local, state, federal, CDC and Department of Health recommendations.</p> <p>Disinfectant wipes, gloves, and/or sanitizer will be available in offices and classrooms where staff and students can clean surfaces throughout the school day.</p>

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	<p>Discontinue/modify use of water fountains. Encourage use of water bottles from home or provide water bottles, when possible.</p> <p>Staff and Students are expected to adhere to hygiene practices set forth by CDC and DOH. Hand soap and hand sanitizer will be provided with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas</p> <p>Operations and Maintenance staff use approved disinfectant and a cleaning process that ensures proper dwell time, cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and horizontal surfaces, focusing on common gathering and public areas.</p> <p>All building HVAC systems are regularly inspected, air filters are changed frequently and where available, additional fresh air will be increased. Buildings will maintain proper temperatures and air circulation.</p> <p>All HVAC systems have been equipped with new bi-polar ionization equipment, which is highly effective at removing COVID-19 and other airborne viruses from the air.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Contact tracing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 cases will be reported to the health department. • Contact tracing will begin upon notification of a positive COVID-19 test, which includes preparing and providing information and records to aid in the identification of potential exposures and close contacts. • Close contacts (and families of close contacts in the K-12 school setting), in accordance with applicable privacy and other laws, will be informed of exposure as

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	<p>soon as possible after they are notified that someone in the K-12 school or IHE has tested positive for or been diagnosed with COVID-19.</p> <p>Isolation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each building will continue to have an isolation location identified, to take students/staff who are exhibiting COVID symptoms, or when it is determined that someone in their household has tested positive. • Close off areas of the building used by a sick person. Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. <p>Quarantine:</p> <p>Quarantine timelines may be adjusted depending on the current COVID-19 positive cases in our school and community. Ongoing collaboration with the DOH and local health officials will help to determine the specific quarantine timelines.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptom screening will be done by all parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day. No children with symptoms will be sent on district transportation or brought to school. • If a student presents symptoms in school, the school nurse or administrator may recommend the student contact their healthcare provider for a COVID-19 test. • Surveillance testing/screening will be completed in collaboration with our local health officials and the DOH.

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<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWSD will continue offering our school buildings as a site location for vaccinations (students, staff, and the community). • On-site vaccination efforts will continue to be coordinated with Wayne Memorial Hospital. WWSD will help to facilitate these clinics through advertisement, personnel, and administrative resources.
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Health and safety policies will be implemented with all students in mind.</p> <p>When special considerations arise regarding students with disabilities, the Health and Safety Plan Committee can re-organize, develop, and implement a new strategy specific to the needed accommodation.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>During the previous school year, WWSD met bi-weekly with Wayne Memorial Hospital and the other local school districts to stay abreast of the ever-changing climate of the pandemic. The district is fortunate to have a community hospital dedicated to the students and families that we serve.</p> <p>WWSD continues to have ongoing conversation and collaboration with Wayne Memorial Hospital, Wayne County Department of Health Officials, and the Wayne County Emergency Management Officials.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **(INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

4 Yes

3 No

Affirmed on: **(INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

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