

# *Panther Valley*



*Health and Safety Plan*  
*2021-2022 School Year*

## Reviews and Submissions

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## Health and Safety Plan Development Team

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## American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Requirements

**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 Panther Valley School District has continually utilized the most recent guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and our health partners at St. Luke's University Health Network to inform our decisions for health and safety planning. We will continue to use State or local guidance to implement appropriate prevention and mitigation protocols in response to the level of community spread in our county and in our local community. Our goal has been and continues to be to maximize the amount of in-person learning for our students in the safest manner possible.

This plan was developed in consultation with local health agencies and is unique to the needs of the Panther Valley School District. This plan will be monitored, revised, and updated as Federal, State and local orders and health data evolve.

**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 Panther Valley School District will operate a summer program for students in K-12 through ESSER funds during the summer of 2021 for students identified with potential learning loss. In addition, all students in K-3 were able to participate in an asynchronous phonics summer program. All students in our district are provided lunch through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program. Additionally, we will also operate Extended School Year (ESY) for students with special education needs.

**Students and families** will have access to behavioral health supports including school counselors, school psychologists, and third party providers to assist students. Additionally, students may access the [Safe2Say reporting tool](#) and Student Assistance Program when needed.

**Employees** can contact their Supervisor or Human Resources for mental health support.

The District will continue to operate Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for students throughout the 2021-2022 school year with interventions in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, positive behavior support programs, special education programs and services, and programs specialized to meet the needs of students with social, emotional, or mental health needs, as well as SSO Program throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

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 Component  | Strategies, Policies, and Procedures  |
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| <p>(a) Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</p>   | <p>The following was approved by the Panther Valley School District at their monthly board meeting held on Wednesday, January 19, 2020 at 7pm. The Panther Valley School District will require everyone to wear masks in all buildings until February 16, 2022. Anyone that test positive for Covid 19 must isolate and follow all CDC recommendations. Individuals that are considered close contacts, will be asked to quarantine if they have any Covid - 19 symptoms. If a staff or student has no symptoms, they may remain in school.</p> <p><del>Effective December 1, 2021, the Panther Valley School Board made the decision to continue masking within buildings until January 17, 2022.</del></p> <p>State orders and/or local data may result in modifications to the District’s face covering practices.</p> |
| <p>(b) Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>         | <p>Students and employees will be encouraged to maintain physical distance to the maximum extent feasible and appropriate.</p>  |
| <p>(c) <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>  | <p>All Panther Valley School District employees will be/have been trained on proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Teachers will teach and reinforce proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette to their students. Additionally, the District will ensure access to adequate supplies including soap and hand sanitizer.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer readily available and/or children may bring individual bottles of hand sanitizer to keep on desk or in a backpack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FDA hand sanitizers</a></li> </ul>   |
| <p>(d) <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p> | <p>Panther Valley School District will follow standard practices and appropriate regulations for cleaning and disinfection. Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting will be performed in accordance with current CDC and DOH guidelines. Additionally, EPA approved products will be used in accordance with labeling requirements. Furthermore, the District will routinely clean high touch surfaces and objects.</p>  |

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| <p>(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;</p> | <p>The District will continue the established contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine procedures for COVID-19 positive cases as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health until otherwise deemed unnecessary by the PaDOH.</p>   |
| <p>(f) <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>   | <p>All individuals should still closely monitor their own symptoms and should stay home if symptomatic.</p> <p>It is critically important for employees and students to consult with their health professionals if their symptoms are indicative of COVID, influenza, or other infections that are more commonly transmitted through close personal contact.</p> <p>School nurses will advise students, teachers, and staff to stay home if they have been exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, school nurses will encourage these individuals to talk to their healthcare provider about getting a COVID-19 test.</p> |
| <p>(g) Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>  | <p>The District will collaborate with their health partner, St Luke’s University Health Network, or other providers to provide vaccination opportunities to the school community.</p> <p>Community Vaccination Clinics held at the District to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● June 1, 2021 - Intermediate School</li> <li>● June 22, 2021 - Intermediate School</li> </ul>   |
| <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 detailed within their IEP or 504 plan based on their individual needs.</p>  |
| <p>(i) Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>   | <p>The District will collaborate with state and local health officials by the means of (1) directly contacting them as needed or directly through known contacts; or (2) through our continued participation in the established Emergency Preparedness Council through the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit.</p>  |

## Additional Resources

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)

- [PDE Accelerated Learning Thorough an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

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| <h2>Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement</h2> |
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The Board of Directors for **Panther Valley School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 21, 2021

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: July 21, 2021

By:

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(Signature of Board President)

**Daniel Matika**

(Print Name of Board President)