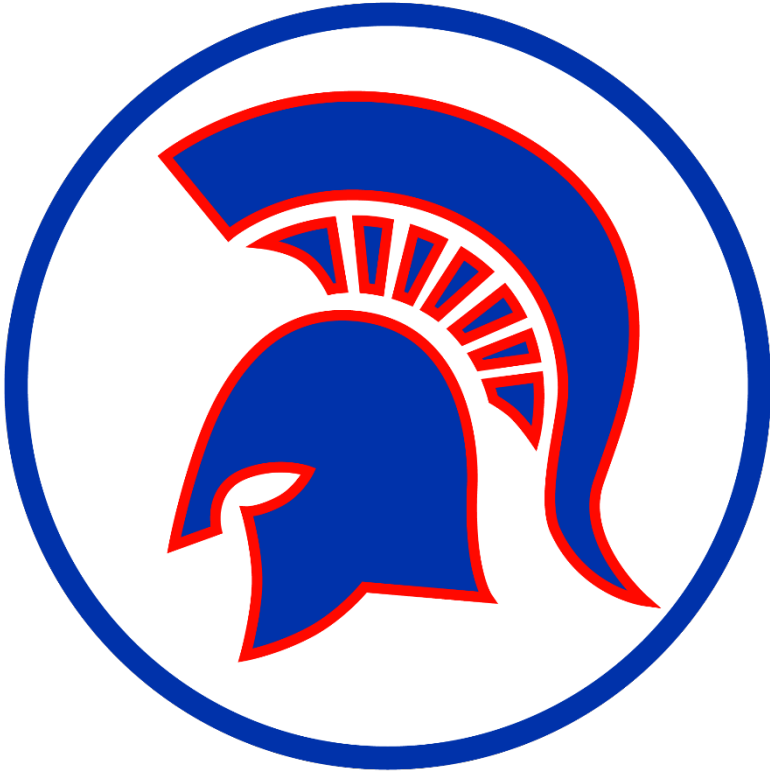


NORTH SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health and Safety Plan 2024-2025 School Year



Health and Safety Plan Summary: **NORTH SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Date of Last Review: **July 1, 2024**

Date of Last Revision: **September 1, 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?

In the best interest of education, the North Schuylkill School District recognizes the need to have students participating in face-to-face instruction as often as possible. This plan outlines the North Schuylkill School District's strategy to continue to recover from the pandemic. This will serve as a guide for the continuation of a safe reopening of North Schuylkill including the ACHIEVE After School Program and all extracurricular activities including Athletics. This is a fluid document based on local, state, and federal guidelines, which will continue to develop over time. This plan is based on the District's capability to follow the state, local and federal guidelines to the best of our ability; however, this plan is developed to reduce the level of risk but does not eliminate risks and exposure.

The North Schuylkill School District will, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC and PA Dept. of Health for reopening for in person learning by using the guidance to make informed decisions that better ensure the District can open and continuously maintain face to face learning while keeping the health, safety and welfare of students and staff as its primary focus. This document provides an operational strategy for safe delivery of in-person instruction through the integration of a package of prevention and control components:

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?

Engaging the entire school community to establish a safe environment for all educators, school staff, and students and promote trust and confidence.

At North Schuylkill School District staff and students' families should be self-monitoring. Staff and students will be encouraged to self-monitor for any signs and symptoms of Covid-19 at home prior to attending school. If any signs or symptoms are noted at home, that staff member or student should not attend school and will be encouraged to seek further medical attention. Staff and students' families will self-monitor at home every day prior to attending school. If a staff member or student develops signs and symptoms while attending school, that staff member or student must report to the nurse immediately for assessment and evaluation.

At the beginning of the school year, the District will assign and deploy a Chromebook to each student to ensure that all students have continual access to instruction. Our District will continue to offer mental health, student health, and food service regardless of instructional format to our students.

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.

The North Schuylkill School District will implement mandates set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The District will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the health departments. CDC & PA Department of Health recommendations will be implemented to the extent practicable for mitigation policies in line with the most up-to date guidance.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>Masks are not mandatory.</p> <p>Individuals who wish to wear face coverings as a mitigation measure will be permitted to do so – but that will be their personal choice.</p> <p>Masking will be optional on all North Schuylkill School District transportation.</p> <p>Masks will be required for students and staff who are returning from isolation after day five (5) following being COVID positive.</p> <p>The District will follow any face covering mandate put into effect by the CDC, the PA Dept. of Health or PDE.</p> <p>The District will consider all recommendations from CDC as well as local medical partner, St. Luke’s University Health Network.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Physical distancing will only be implemented in classrooms and cafeteria when necessary.</p> <p>If needed, students should be socially distanced up to six feet apart or to the maximum extent feasible.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>When possible, ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol</p> <p>Handwashing resources that include health promotion materials, information on proper handwashing technique, and tips for families to help children develop good handwashing habits.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices</p> <p>Hand washing protocol will be posted through the buildings for students and staff.</p>

<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and <u>maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></p>	<p>Cleaning high touch and high- traffic areas.</p> <p>Use of Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant as needed.</p> <p>Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>The Superintendent or his designee will communicate with families of students when isolation and quarantine become necessary.</p> <p>The District will not conduct close contact tracing and individuals will not be required to quarantine for potential exposures occurring within our schools.</p> <p>North Schuylkill will continue to monitor positive COVID cases in each building.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and <u>screening testing;</u></p>	<p>Symptoms of Covid-19 will be on a self-monitoring basis. If symptoms are noted while at home, the staff or student should not attend school. If symptoms are first noticed while in attendance at school, the staff member or student must inform the school nursing staff of their symptoms. The nursing staff will then perform an assessment and evaluate the staff member or student for Covid-19.</p> <p>Students who either have symptoms, fever, or exposure to COVID-19 or pending test results should not be sent on the bus or brought to school by parent.</p>
<p>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u></p>	<p>The District will share vaccination information to the school community through distribution of information via social media.</p>
<p>h. <u>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with</u></p>	<p>The District will follow all individualized education plans (IEPs) and provide appropriate accommodations with respect to the health and safety of students with disabilities.</p>

<p>respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Extra precautions in low incidence programs (AS, ES, LS)</p> <p>Servicing students in low incidence programs can be problematic due to, but not limited to, students with medical concerns, students not understanding the importance of unable to maintain proper social distance, students requiring hand-over-hand instruction and support, students requiring assistance with feeding or toileting.</p> <p>For these reasons, extra precautions will be implemented. These precautions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a sink is available in the classroom, staff should thoroughly wash hands immediately before and after working with a student. If a sink is not available, use hand sanitizer. ● Avoid the use of communal objects for student reinforcement. If such objects are used with multiple students, each object should be disinfected immediately before and after student use. ● Personal student iPads/AAC devices should be disinfected each time a student enters or exits the classroom. ● The District’s feeding protocol should be followed when feeding students. Staff should wear gloves when feeding students. ● Bathrooms and changing tables should be disinfected before and after student use. Limit students to one at a time. ● Students should be assisted with handwashing. ● Students should be encouraged not to touch walls and fixtures when in hallways.
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The District will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the PA Department of Health.</p> <p>The District will continue to partner with state and local health officials including the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **NORTH SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **JUNE 23, 2021**.

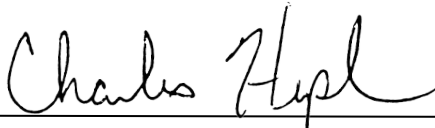
The plan was approved by a vote of:

 8 Yes

 0 No

Affirmed on: **June 23, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Charles Hepler

(Print Name of Board President)