

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Saucon Valley School District**

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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 health, safety, and welfare of the Saucon Valley school community is of the utmost importance. The Saucon Valley Leadership Team continues to take the necessary steps to develop protocols to protect the health and safety of all individuals as we strive to work in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

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 primary learning model for the 2021 – 2022 school year will be in-person instruction for all students. Virtual instruction may be considered only in the event of a long-term closure. Any school days missed for short-term closure will be made up through rescheduled in-person school days. Quarantined students will be educated through asynchronous work during their period of exclusion/isolation. Mental health services shall be afforded to all students and families based on programmatic offerings in the buildings and external contracted mental health services. School meals will be served daily to all in- person students as a closed site.

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a. Universal and correct wearing of masks

- The wearing of face coverings is in accordance with the Tiered Masking Requirements which specifies the following:

~~Four tiers are designated (Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High). The tiers are based on number of cases in Northampton County out of 100,000 in a 7 day period. In Low (0—9) cases and Moderate (10—49) cases masking is optional for all staff and students (with the exception of fully masked classrooms where students and staff are required to wear a mask). In Substantial (50—100) K—6 staff and students are required to mask, and 7—12 is optional. In High (>100) masking is required for all students and staff. Indoor masking breaks are permitted for no more than 15 minutes while observing social distancing specifications.~~

Two tiers are designated (Low, High) based on the number of cases per building in a one week period. Low is designated as less than or equal to 5 new cases per building in one week period. High is designated as greater than five new cases per building in a one week period. In the Low Tier, masking is optional for all staff and students K-12 (with the exception of fully masked classrooms, where students and staff are required to mask). In the High Tier, masks are required for all staff and students K-12 and the building will implement a masked provision for five (5) school days or seven (7) calendar days, whichever is smaller. If the administration determines an outbreak has been mitigated, the time will be decreased. Indoor and Outdoor masking breaks will continue.

- All students using school transportation will be **required** to wear face coverings during transport, except a student who has a health or medical exemption submitted through standard District procedures.
- Bus drivers will also be **required** to wear face covering when students are on the bus.

<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The district will observe and maintain 3 ft. – 6ft. distancing in all classrooms. ● In person learning will be the only learning model utilized. ● Classroom capacity and space will be considered when scheduling students in classrooms. ● Student desks (where applicable) shall be facing the same direction in classrooms when feasible. Tables will be utilized in some classrooms. Alternative seating will be available in the cafeteria or other rooms for students/families desiring to utilize such for distancing and masking purposes. Extra measures will be utilized in the cafeterias to limit the handling of products to the greatest extent possible as in the case of pre- wrapped and packaged items. Self-service stations will not be employed. ● Cohorting and assigned seating in classrooms, cafeterias, and buses may be utilized as needed and when feasible to facilitate contact tracing. ● Student transition from class to class will occur in all three buildings. Transition times will be limited to the greatest extent possible. ● Nurses will provide services on an “on the go” basis, meaning that they will meet students at the classroom door and provide health services directly outside the classroom when feasible.
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<p>c. Handwashing and hygiene etiquette</p>	<p>Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand- washing and other best practices: Staff and students are encouraged to adhere to hygiene recommendations set forth by CDC and DOH. Hand soap and hand sanitizer will be provided with at least 60% alcohol, as well as paper towels, no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas.</p> <p>Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs: Signage will be posted at entrances, bathrooms, and throughout each building.</p>

	<p>Limiting the sharing of materials among staff and students: Items should not be shared between staff and students to reduce the spread of infectious bodily fluids. Items needing to be shared will be disinfected in accordance with CDC and DOH recommendations after each use. Personal issuance of materials will be utilized to the greatest extent possible.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</p>	<p>Daily Cleaning Process: Implement/continue daily deep cleaning and sanitation procedures in buildings. High touch areas and surfaces will be cleaned as part of the routine procedures and protocols during the day and evening. All cleaning supplies and procedures will be in accordance with local, state, federal, CDC and Department of Health recommendations.</p> <p>Distribution of Cleaning Supplies to Guests and Public Areas: Hand sanitizer will be available at all staff, student, and guest entrances.</p> <p>Distribution of Cleaning Supplies to Staff:</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> <p>Sharing of Water Supply and Public Water Fountains: Discontinue use of water fountains. Encourage use of personal water bottles from home.</p> <p>Cleaning Supply Storage: Ensure safe and correct usage/storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing them securely away from students.</p> <p>Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating all school vehicles used by students.</p> <p>Transportation will conduct a once per day cleaning and sanitizing of the school bus/vehicle fleet.</p> <p>End of school day/after school activities: Thorough sanitation of all buses/school vehicles will be routine.</p> <p>Sanitization of buses: All cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting will be conducted using products that meet the CDC requirements for COVID-19.</p>

	<p>Building HVAC and Air Circulation: All building HVAC systems are inspected regularly, air filters are changed frequently, and additional fresh air intake will be increased. Buildings will maintain proper temperatures and air circulation.</p> <p>Cleaning Material Standards: All cleaning supplies will meet or exceed local, state, federal, and CDC recommendations.</p> <p>Disinfection Process: 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, while focusing on common gathering and public areas.</p> <p>Training and Instruction for Staff: Operations and Maintenance staff will continue to receive training and instruction relative to COVID-19, mitigating infection and proper cleaning procedures per CDC recommendations. Teachers and staff will be informed about daily disinfection procedures. All buildings will have proper notification, and COVID-19 prevention signage through the buildings and office areas.</p> <p>Visitors: Visitors will be permitted in all buildings. Public events such as concerts, musicals, athletic events, Back-To-School Nights. etc. will be allowed. Community activities such as youth sports and community swim will also be reinstated.</p>
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e. Contact tracing	COVID – 19 is considered a reportable communicable disease.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspected or known positive cases are required to be reported to the SVSD school building nurse. • SVSD will follow the SVSD Protocol for positive cases and the PA Department of Health guidance for quarantine, isolation, and contact tracing.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Symptom screening will be accomplished by all parents/guardians, faculty and staff at home each morning before arriving at school. No child(ren) with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school. Any individual registering a temperature of 100.4 or above should not report to school until their body temperature returns to normal and the individual has been fever free without medication for 24 hours.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations	A vaccination clinic was conducted on June 9, 2021 at the SVMS for all interested community members. A follow up second dose clinic occurred on June 30, 2021. School officials will continue to work with local providers to schedule additional clinics.

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h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and assessing academic needs.	<p>Target interventions and supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize existing screening and diagnostic protocols to identify students who have regressed academically or are not meeting mastery expectations. IEP meetings must be held and IEP Revisions completed for additional support, modifications, interventions, and accommodations identified through the team process. <p>Compliance:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In person IEP team meetings will continue unless a virtual IEP meeting is specifically requested by parents. ● Be mindful of holding in-person or virtual conversations of a confidential nature in the vicinity of others to maintain privacy (e.g.Virtual IEP meetings or parent conversations while staff are in multiple locations). ● All signatures must be sent, (as per current policy/procedure, to District Office) Students with disabilities may require close contact with and access to support providers. ● Allow building access to service providers (i.e. Therapists, Behavior Specialists, state/county special education partners) ● School personnel will not be provided waivers for close contact with students who require such support to meet their needs and receive FAPE.
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The Saucon Valley School District will continue to collaborate with our public health partners to monitor and mitigate local outbreaks to prevent the spread of COVID – 19.</p> <p>The administration may coordinate with state and local health officials to respond to an emergency outbreak. The Board may change mitigation strategies based on transmission levels in the county, in addition to locally within the school district community. No staff member or student shall be asked or compelled to disclose their COVID-19 vaccination status except to medical professionals. This provision is not intended to prohibit student-to-student conversations to violate the 1st Amendment.</p>

	Current Approved Health and Safety Plan with Revisions			Amended Health and Safety Plan Revised/ Approved November 23, 2021	
Mitigation Strategies	Tiered Requirements			Tiered Requirements **A building will implement a masked provision for 5 school days or 7 calendar days. If administration determines an outbreak has been mitigated, the duration will be shorter.	
	Low/ Moderate	High	Substantial/ Significant	Low	High
	<74 cases per 100,000 in a two week period	>75 to 150 cases per 100,000 in a two week period	>150 cases per 100,000 in a two week period	< 5 new cases per building in a one week period	> 5 new cases per building in a one week period
After School Clubs/ Extracurriculars	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Assemblies	Permitted with 3 feet minimal distancing	Permitted with 3 feet minimal distancing	Permitted with 3 feet minimal distancing	Permitted with 3 feet minimal distancing	Permitted with 3 feet minimal distancing
Athletics	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Class Set up/ Layout	3ft distancing	3ft distancing	3ft distancing	3ft distancing	3ft distancing
Dining/ Cafeteria	Regular operation	Regular operation	Regular operation	Regular operation	Regular operation
Faculty/ Staff Masks K-6	optional; exception mask only classrooms	Required	Required	optional; exception mask only classrooms	Required
Faculty/ Staff Masks 7-12	Optional	Required	Required	Optional	Required

Field Trips	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Masking Breaks	Indoor masking breaks in fully masked classrooms	Indoor masking breaks in fully masked classrooms	Indoor masking breaks in fully masked classrooms	Indoor masking breaks in fully masked classrooms, outdoor masking breaks when weather permits	Indoor masking breaks in fully masked classrooms, outdoor masking breaks when weather permits
Student Masks K-6	optional; exception mask only classrooms	Required	Required	optional; exception mask only classrooms	Required
Students Masks 7-12	Optional	Required	Required	Optional	Required
Music/ Band/ Chorus	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Physical Education	Regular routine optional; exception mask only classrooms	Regular routine; required masking	Regular routine; required masking	Regular routine optional; exception mask only classrooms	Regular routine; required masking
Recess/ Playground K-5	Pre-covid rules	Masking required	Masking required	Pre-covid rules	Pre-covid rules
School Entry/ Departure	3 feet	3 feet	3 feet	3 feet	3 feet
Social Distancing	3 feet	3 feet	3 feet	3 feet	3 feet
Transportation	Masks required for students and driver	Masks required for students and driver	Masks required for students and driver	Masks required for students and driver	Masks required for students and driver
Volunteers/ Visitors	Optional	Required	Required	Optional	Required