



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021.

Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of [masks](#);
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for [physical distancing](#) (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#);
- d. [Cleaning](#) and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving [ventilation](#);
- e. [Contact tracing](#) in combination with [isolation](#) and [quarantine](#), in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. [Diagnostic](#) and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 [vaccinations to school communities](#);
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Beaver County Career & Technology Center

Initial Effective Date: August 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 25, 2022

Date of Last Revision: August 25, 2021

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?

Throughout the duration of the COV-19 pandemic, the Beaver County Career and Technology Center (CTC) has followed guidance from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Health (PDE, PADOH). Our current protocols align with CDC, PDE and PADOH guidance. The CTC participates in all Beaver County Superintendent Advisory Committee meetings coordinated by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. The Beaver County school nurses group is another resource utilized by the CTC. The CTC will remain flexible with school protocols based on local transmission data, guidance from expert agencies and state mandated restrictions and/or orders.

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 CTC will continue to educate students regardless of level of transmission. The CTC is prepared to provide different instructional models dependent on levels of transmission. All students have been provided a device or access through their sending district. The CTC will continue to maintain, to the fullest extent possible, all the academic, social, emotional, and health supports for all students, as well as those related services for staff.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the CTC plans to conduct an in-person instructional model. The CTC has engaged with the Allegheny Health Network to provide a comprehensive school-based program to address both student and staff mental and behavioral health services.

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 ;	Regardless of level of transmission, masking will be optional. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask will be supported in their decision to do so. People who are immunocompromised or at risk for getting sick with COVID-9, should wear a mask for greater protection.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The CTC will continue to follow previously implemented social distancing patterns and protocols. Strategies may differ by the uniqueness of the various Programs of Study. Drop-off and pick-up protocols will return to normal operational standards.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	The CTC will continue to reinforce proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette for all students and staff. Reminders will continued to be shared with all building occupants by signage and continued training.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	<p>The CTC will continue to maintain healthy practices by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing protocols for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. • Following protocols for evaluating and disinfecting spaces of suspected COVID-19 exposure • Maximizing ventilation through planned HVAC improvements • Posting signage to remind all of proper etiquette • Ensuring adequate supplies of personal protective equipment.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	The CTC will no longer contact trace.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	All students and staff should continue to self-monitor for symptoms and to seek COVID-19 testing should they display symptoms. The school nurse is available to assist any student or staff.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	The CTC will continue to share with all, vaccination opportunities in Beaver County. When opportunities are available to collaborate with member schools

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	and/or local health systems, the CTC will engage as such.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Accommodations for students' disabilities will be provided in accordance with each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), which may require additional provisions to meet the guidelines of this health and safety plan.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The CTC will continue to work in tandem with PDE, PADOH, CDC and the BVIU to maintain a safe and healthy school. .

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Beaver County Career & Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 25, 2022.

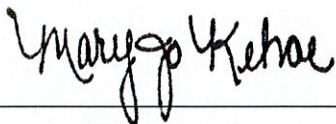
The plan was approved by a vote of:

 8 Yes

 0 No

Affirmed on: August 25, 2022

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Mary Jo Kehoe

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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