



Tredyffrin-Easttown School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan



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, the plan will be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent or guardian 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: Tredyffrin-Easttown School District

Initial Effective Date: July 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 21, 2023

Date of Last Revision: July 21, 2023

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 TESD administration will continually review guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), and the Chester County Health Department (CCHD), and other relevant public health authorities.

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?

Tredyffrin-Easttown School District provides a variety of programs for students aged Kindergarten through age 21. These services are robust and comprehensive, and designed to meet our students' academic, social, emotional, mental health and school-based physical health needs.

In the 2023-2024 school year the District will continue to offer programs, services and supports to meet student academic, social, emotional/mental health and physical health needs using our current structures. This includes food services and employee support 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 ;	Current CDC guidance for universal masking is based on levels of Covid-19 hospital admission levels . Should Chester County move to the High level, the District will consult with the Chester County Health Department to determine when a return to universal masking is recommended for TESD. Masks are available in each District building.

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b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<i>The CDC no longer identifies physical distancing or similar modifications as a preventive strategy.</i>
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	The District will continue to promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette. This includes training students and staff on proper handwashing techniques and on ways to reduce risk while sneezing or coughing. Hand sanitizer supplies and stations will continue to be in place throughout all facilities.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	Cleaning and maintenance processes will continue to be implemented or adjusted in accordance with guidance from CCHD, PA DOH, CDC and PDE.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	At present the District is not authorized to issue the Chester County Health Department Quarantine letter.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Diagnostic and screening testing is not recommended at this time by the CCHD.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	<p>The District supports vaccination and booster shots for those eligible to receive one.</p> <p>The District has publicized information on how to obtain vaccination on our website and in the District e-newsletter. Chester County Health Department has local vaccination information.</p>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	The District will continue to provide accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities to access our programming through a student’s IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or Section 504 Plan process. Families of students with identified needs should contact their child’s case manager or building principal with questions. If a family believes their child has a condition that requires a specific medical accommodation, please contact your school nurse.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The District will coordinate with the CCHD and follow their guidance regarding the reporting of positive COVID-19 cases.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Tredyffrin-Easttown School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 28, 2023

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **August 28, 2023**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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