Health and Safety Plan Summary: Central Bucks School District (CBSD)
Initial Effective Date:
Date of Last Review:
Date of Last Revision:

Introduction: CBSD operations will be implemented in the same manner as those in place prior to the pandemic; this plan reflects exceptions to pre-pandemic operations that we will keep in place to promote general health and safety for all students, employees and visitors as well as remaining compliant with national, state, and local health guidance.

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?

CBSD’s Health and Safety Plan is informed by guidance from our federal, state, and local authorities. These include and are not limited to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), and the Bucks County Health Department (BCHD).

CBSD will continue to work in coordination with these agencies and our local partners to develop and refine expectations that meet all requirements.

CBSD will revise this plan as necessary, based on changing guidance at any of these levels, at the required frequency. Such changes will be communicated to all stakeholders.

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?

CBSD will continue to ensure safe learning and working environments for all students and staff.

CBSD will continue to provide in-person instruction during the 2021-22 school year. Based on public health conditions and any related mandates/requirements, CBSD will remain positioned to quickly pivot between in-person and online instruction.
CBSD will continue to ensure all students receive instruction that meets state and federal standards and have the necessary supports for success, including access to technology and connectivity.

CBSD will continue to offer a wide array of social and emotional wellness and health supports, including:

- access to licensed social workers, counselors, school psychologists, board certified behavior analysts, and administrators
- delivery of evidence-based SEL program for K-6 students
- resources for staff such as the Employee Assistance Plan provided through Penn Behavioral Health
- supports to meet needs of special populations, through the IEP/504 process and/or through our multi-tiered, multi-domain system of support
- access to training, time, support, and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for successful instruction.

CBSD will provide proactive, clear communication to all families and staff.

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.**

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<td>a. Universal and correct wearing of <strong>masks</strong>;</td>
<td>No federal, state, or local health authority requires face coverings indoors or outdoors. Therefore, for all CBSD programs and events, face coverings will be optional for all individuals, unless otherwise required by the host entity, agency, school, and/or district.</td>
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<td>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <strong>physical distancing</strong> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</td>
<td>CBSD will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments. Specifically, CBSD will continue to rely on the BCHD’s guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals.</td>
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<td>c. <strong>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</strong>;</td>
<td>All individuals will continue to be encouraged and reminded to sanitize or wash their hands on a frequent basis. Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available in all common areas, hallways, and/or lobby areas where sinks for handwashing are not available, in order to encourage frequent use.</td>
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<td>CBSD will continue to post signs in highly visible locations that promote everyday protective measures/hygiene and how to stop the spread of germs. CBSD will continue to include proper personal hygiene in program curricula.</td>
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<td>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</td>
<td>CBSD will continue to follow proper cleaning and disinfection protocols following CDC, EPA, and manufacturer guidelines. Ventilation remains as a component of available strategies to maintain healthy facilities. CBSD’s cleaning efforts will continue to focus on high-touch surfaces. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be maintained throughout all buildings. All cleaning products are approved by the EPA for COVID-19 mitigation.</td>
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| e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; | CBSD will continue to work in partnership with the BCHD for all COVID-19-related case investigation and contact tracing. Per the BCHD, as of June 19, 2021:  
  - The BCHD will no longer require individuals to report positive COVID-19 test results or exposure to a positive case.  
  - The BCHD will no longer require CBSD to report positive COVID-19 test results of individuals to the BCHD.  
  - Local COVID-19 testing laboratories will continue to report positive COVID-19 test results to the BCHD through the Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS).  
  - CBSD will consult with the BCHD in the event of any public health-related questions or concerns for guidance. This includes COVID-19.  
  - The BCHD may recommend temporary disease mitigation strategies (such as increased physical distancing, masking, etc.). |
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| • The BCHD will no longer issue isolation or quarantine orders related to COVID-19.  
• The BCHD will not require CBSD to notify close contacts of any positive case. As such, no notifications will be made.  
• The BCHD will not require CBSD to notify any individual, classroom, school, or community of any positive case of COVID-19. As such, no such communications will be sent. |

### f. Diagnostic and screening testing;

At the recommendation of the BCHD, CBSD will no longer require individuals to attest formally to symptom tracking for COVID-19 upon entering district buildings.

At the recommendation of the BCHD, CBSD will no longer require contractors to complete the daily close contact tracking form. CBSD will instead regularly communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments.

The BCHD is no longer offering free COVID-19 testing for school stakeholders. The BCHD recommends that CBSD refer any individual in need of a COVID-19 test to a medical health provider.

### g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;

CBSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies regarding opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

### h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;

CBSD is a high-quality provider of services for individuals with disabilities. The district will continue to meet those needs through the IEP/504 process and the multi-tiered, multi-domain system of support model. The district will continue to design and follow any individualized health and safety plan for the students we serve. CBSD will continue to train staff and contractors on [Universal Precautions](#).

CBSD will communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments.
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Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Central Bucks School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on (INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR).

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ Yes
 _____ No

Affirmed on: (INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

By:

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(Signature* of Board President)

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(Print Name of Board President)

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

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