

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Central Bucks School District (CBSD)

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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.

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 revise this plan as necessary. Such changes will be communicated to all stakeholders. Additionally, CBSD will monitor the recommendations of federal, state, and local authorities and make adjustments as necessary for all curricular, extra-curricular, and co-curricular programs including travel/field trips.

How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and employees' 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 employees.

CBSD will continue to provide in-person instruction during the 2021-22 school year. Any changes will be made in consultation with the Bucks County Health Department.

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 employees 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 employees to prepare for successful instruction.

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

1. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other employees 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;	Masks may be worn at the discretion of the individual while on Central Bucks School District property or participating in Central Bucks School District events.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The facilitation of student instruction, employee meetings and professional development training will occur in-person unless otherwise designated.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	<p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be promoted. Instructional signs regarding appropriate handwashing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be strategically placed in appropriate spaces.</p> <p>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. 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.</p>

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d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	<p>Established cleaning and ventilation protocols will continue to be implemented during the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>All cleaning products are approved by the EPA for COVID-19 mitigation. CBSD will continue to follow proper cleaning and disinfection protocols following CDC, EPA, and manufacturer guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitizing spray will continue to be provided in classrooms and high traffic areas. • Daily cleaning and sanitization of high touch surfaces, classrooms and desktops will continue during the 2021-2022 school year. <p>Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be maintained throughout all buildings.</p>
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<p>CBSD will follow a chronic communicable disease model. Individuals should not attend school/work if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, such as fever, body aches, etc.</p> <p>When sick, individuals can return to school/work once their symptoms are resolving and they are fever free (without fever reducing medication) for a minimum of 24 hours.</p> <p>Individuals should consult with their medical provider, or the school nurse, with any medical questions.</p> <p>CBSD will consult with the BCHD on decisions impacting the closure of classrooms, schools, or the district.</p> <p>The district encourages individuals to consult with their healthcare provider in the event of a positive COVID test.</p> <p>In the event there is evidence of potential COVID-19 spread within school, BCDH will advise whether further mitigation strategies should be taken.</p>
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	<p>The nurse or designated employee will evaluate any individual who presents with symptoms of COVID-19. Emergency contacts must be up to date. When requested, symptomatic students will be picked up and will not be sent home on the bus.</p> <p>CBSD will educate all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians) on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at home before sending children to school and or reporting to work.</p> <p>CBSD will regularly communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments.</p>
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	<p>CBSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies regarding opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p> <p>CBSD will collaborate with local pharmacies and share vaccination opportunities with eligible students and employees.</p>

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	<p>CBSD does not require vaccination for students or employees. Individuals should consult their medical provider for advice on vaccination.</p> <p>The Covid vaccination status of a person is private; therefore, employees will not ask, solicit, or engage in any discussion around the Covid vaccination status of another adult or student.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>CBSD will continue to train employees and contractors on Universal Precautions.</p> <p>CBSD will communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments.</p> <p>CBSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and healthcare agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>CBSD will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments.</p> <p>Specifically, CBSD will rely on local health authority guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals.</p> <p>CBSD will continue to participate in discussion forums and planning with federal, state, and local health authorities, and among local school entities.</p>

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 March 8, 2022

The plan approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: 3/8/2022

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