



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: **Northern Lebanon School District**

Initial Effective Date: **7/14/2021**

Date of Last Review: **7/13/2021**

Date of Last Revision: **7/9/2021**

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?

The Northern Lebanon School District will continue to implement prevention and mitigation efforts that are aligned with the health and safety guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education in order to ensure a safe reopening of schools for any summer programming and re-entry into school for the 2021-2022 school year. The District will collaborate with other Lebanon and Lancaster County school districts and department of health personnel that are made available to the district as a resource to ensure current knowledge of CDC recommendations and our local statistics relating to COVID-19.

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?

Educational Delivery Model/Academics

- Parents have the option for full-time, in-person learning.
- Parents will have the option of enrolling in virtual learning through our V3 Academy

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Plan

- School Counselors will utilize the Multi-Tiered System of Supports team process to provide social and emotional learning supports to student in need.

Student Health and Food Services

- The District will participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) pandemic flexible meal programs. These programs are available free of charge for each child in the household up to age 18.

The programs include:

- Summer Feeding Program - weekly meals distributed at a meal pickup location
- Return to School Program - Beginning August 30, 2021, daily breakfast and

lunch will be available at the school for students attending in person, and a weekly meal pickup will continue for families not attending in person if there is community interest.

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 ;	Per PADOH, masks are no longer mandatory and will be optional for students in the 2021-2022 school year. PADOH and CDC requirements will be continually monitored and any recommended revisions to this plan regarding masks will be communicated to and voted on by the NLSD School Board.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Students will be socially distanced at the CDC recommended distance of 3 feet or to the greatest extent possible if 3 feet is not attainable.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	Students will be encouraged to use recommended handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, restrooms, and common areas.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	NLSD will continue with daily cleaning and disinfecting of furniture, high touch surfaces (door knobs, handrails, etc.), restrooms, hallways, and instructional spaces. Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible, using windows, classroom doors, and/or fans.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
	Use of EPA approved for COVID-19 Spray Disinfectant after all positive cases.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	NLSD will continue to collaborate with PADOH for guidance on isolation of positive cases or quarantining of close contacts. Lebanon County does not have a local health department.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Information will be distributed to families and available on the website which includes COVID-19 symptoms and steps to take if they are experiencing symptoms including seeing their physician or staying home if they have a fever or severe cough.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	NLSD does not intend to provide vaccinations for the community but will continue to advertise vaccination opportunities when notified of those opportunities.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	IEPs or 504 Service Plans will be utilized in collaboration with medical plans to provide health and safety provisions for students with complex needs/vulnerable individuals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case managers will review IEPs with support of school nurses to determine who needs a modification to their individualized plan in August • Individual plans will be developed for students who are at risk/medically fragile based on IEP/504 and medical team recommendations and parent request
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	NLSD will continue to coordinate with PADOH for updated recommendations or support with questions. Lebanon County does not have a local health department.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Northern Lebanon School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 13, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: July 13, 2021

By:

Michelle Bucks
(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.

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

Option B: If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.