

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Peters Township School District**

Initial Effective Date: **July 1, 2021**

Date of Last Review: **June 28, 2021**

Date of Last Revision: **June 28, 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?

Peters Township School District staff will monitor the latest recommendations from PDE, PADOH, and CDC, review the District Health and Safety Plan at least every six months, and update the District Health and Safety Plan as needed. The Health and Safety Plan will be presented to the Board for approval when changes are necessary. Facilities and practices will be adapted to the extent possible to ensure that appropriate prevention and mitigation processes are followed. In addition to practicing standard preventative measures such as handwashing, cleaning practices, and the use of PPE when required, the District will continue to encourage the vaccination of students and staff. The District will continue to practice standard mitigation efforts to reduce close contacts to the extent practicable.

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 Peters Township School District will continue to implement academic and support programming as outlined in the District Comprehensive Plan. Modifications, as outlined in the Health and Safety Plan, will be made to ensure that programming and support efforts address the needs of District students, staff, and families. Educational models will be adapted to the needs of students as appropriate, including remote learning if needed. Social, emotional, mental health and other needs will be monitored and provided by school health providers, social workers, and other specialists as needed. Food service will be provided using various models as appropriate, including the availability of free meals if needed.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal and correct wearing of masks; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings will be optional unless mandated by Order of the PA Secretary of Health, Governor, or other governing authority. • Correct and consistent mask use will be encouraged to reduce the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staff and students will be trained on and reminded of proper mask use.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum capacities will be determined for all educational spaces. • Unused desks and furniture in classrooms will be removed to maximize physical distancing (to the extent practicable). • Students and staff will be encouraged to maximize physical distancing to the extent practicable. • Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums and outside spaces – as weather permits) for social distancing. • Limit unnecessary congregations of students and staff. • Modifications to facilities to allow for physical distancing will be made as appropriate in response to levels of community transmission. • Use of dividers and barriers as appropriate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwashing and respiratory etiquette; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and face coverings when required. • Provide hand soap, hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol, cleaning wipes/disinfectant spray, tissues, and paper towels in all classrooms and frequently trafficked areas.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread of COVID-19. • Teach and encourage good respiratory etiquette.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily cleaning of schools/facilities with soap/water/EPA approved disinfectants https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-coronavirus-covid-19 • Throughout the day cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects. • Follow standard protocols to clean surfaces that are not high touch or routinely used. • Ensure ventilation systems operate properly with increased rates of air exchange. Increase circulation of outdoor as appropriate. • Administrators/Supervisors will conduct regular inspections to ensure appropriate COVID-19 protocols are being followed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District staff will follow Department of Health Guidance related to the isolation/quarantining of students/staff in the event a student or staff member becomes sick in the school setting. • Isolation rooms have been identified and equipped in all schools. • School nurses will use Standard Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick individuals. • The Pandemic Coordinator or designee will contact DOH staff before acting in response to known or suspected communicable disease. • Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick home or to a healthcare facility. • Contact the local health authority for further guidance if a parent/guardian/caregiver notifies the school of potential exposure by a student, staff member, or school visitor. • The Pandemic Coordinator or designee will complete and submit the Self Report

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	<p>and Line List forms provided by PDE and PADOH Joint Task Force for contact tracing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out notifications to building staff and students with the appropriate information as needed. • Work closely with the DOH/community health center nurses to follow-up and complete contact tracing. • Follow DOH guidance related to isolation/quarantine to ensure that staff and students meet all requirements before returning to the school setting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic and screening testing; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate families and staff regarding Covid-19 symptoms and the importance of symptom screening prior to arriving at school each day. • Encourage staff to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home. • Thermographic temperature screening will be used as appropriate in response to higher levels of community transmission.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with community health centers and hospitals to either provide on-site vaccine clinics or provide information as to when and where staff and students can receive vaccinations at community sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate accommodations in compliance with federal and state laws will be made for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and procedures. Accommodations will be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with state and local health officials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will continue to work collaboratively with the Joint Task Force, PADOH, community health agencies and County Emergency Management Agencies to coordinate resources in support of the District Health and Safety Plan.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Peters Township School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 28, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **June 28, 2021**

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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