

- CDC guidelines will be followed for cleaning/responding to COVID-19 infection.

II. 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 Minersville Area School District will establish an equitable school reopening strategy to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of all students and staff to begin the 2022-2023 school year. The school health and safety planning committee will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Administrators
2. Teachers
3. Student and parent representatives
4. Specialized instructional support personnel (such as school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, and nurses)
5. Facilities managers and custodial staff
6. Transportation personnel, school nutrition professionals, and family services representatives.

Consistent with health equity considerations, The Minersville Area School District will conduct active and specific outreach to underserved families – including parents/guardians of students of color, students from low-income backgrounds, students with disabilities, English learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students in foster care. This communication should be conducted in families’ home languages or mode of communication and in alternate formats as needed to facilitate effective communication for individuals with disabilities and, where appropriate, in partnership with trusted community-based organizations.

III. 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	<p>--The MASD will follow guidelines, orders, etc. from the CDC, Pennsylvania Governor’s Office, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Schuylkill County Health Department regarding the use of face coverings for students, staff, and visitors.</p> <p>--The school nurses will provide instructional information on the universal and correct wearing of face coverings.</p>

b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);

--The MASD will follow CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Schuylkill County Health Department guidelines regarding student movement throughout the buildings to the greatest extent possible

--The MASD will follow recommendations from the CDC, the PA Department of Health, and the PA Department of Education regarding physical distancing. When feasible, will utilize alternative spaces and limit class sizes.

--Class sizes will be balanced to the maximum extent possible.

Cafeteria: - Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:

- Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff
- Require handwashing for elementary students before and after meal service
- Encourage handwashing for secondary students before and after meal service
- Maintain Plexiglas dividers at the register and in serving lines
- Provide options for non-contact payments
- Serve grab-and-go meals where feasible and in multiple locations
- Mark spaced lines to enter the cafeteria and serving lines; designate entrances and exits;
- Purchase and use single-serve condiments and utensils
- Use of outdoors when feasible
- Meals will be served following the guidelines of the CDC, USDA, PA Department of Health, and PA Department of Education.

Visitors: Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building without a previously scheduled appointment.

--The MASD may continue to hold meetings virtually or via phone to the maximum extent possible.

	<p>--All group activities will be planned in accordance with CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Schuylkill County Health Department guidelines. This includes activities during the school day, in the evening, and all <i>athletic events</i>.</p> <p>--The MASD will follow CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Schuylkill County Health Department guidelines regarding <i>student movement</i> throughout the buildings.</p> <p>--The MASD will follow CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Schuylkill County Health Department guidelines regarding <i>transportation</i> of students.</p>
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	<p>--The nursing staff along with teachers and administrators will teach and reinforce good hygiene measures, such as handwashing, covering of coughs/sneezes, and use of face coverings. This will also be reinforced through various formats (print, video, verbal instruction, etc.).</p> <p>--Hand sanitizing stations will remain in place throughout the buildings.</p> <p>--Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no touch trash can in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas.</p>
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	<p>--Sharing of items will be limited as much as possible. When absolutely necessary to share items, cleaning and/or quarantining procedure will be put into place.</p> <p>--Students and staff will be encouraged to bring personal/individual water bottles or to refill bottles from the contactless water bottle filling stations.</p> <p>--The MASD may supply water to student athletes during sporting events, practices, etc. Student-athletes are encouraged to bring their own water and are not to share containers.</p>
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<p>--The MASD will limit use of areas used by a sick person and wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection when possible. The 24-hour</p>



	<p>period is calculated from the last time a sick person was present in the area.</p> <p>--The MASD will work with the county and state health departments to determine when students, staff, or visitors should isolate or quarantine at home.</p> <p>--The MASD will work with the county and state health departments to determine when to notify staff and families of a possible case, while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.</p> <p>--The MASD will work with the county and state health departments to determine when isolated or quarantined individuals should return to school/work.</p>
Diagnostic and screening testing;	<p>--The MASD will encourage students, families and staff members to conduct a daily self-check at home for symptoms of COVID-19, in accordance with the PA Department of Health Symptom Monitoring Tool.</p> <p>--The MASD will frequently communicate the symptoms of COVID-19 and encourage self-monitoring for symptoms. All will be instructed to remain home if they are experiencing any symptoms or are feeling ill.</p> <p>--Individuals who are symptomatic in a school building will receive a health assessment, which includes a review for history of exposure. Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms should wear a mask in the building until they can safely return home. Masks will be provided.</p> <p>--The MASD will address privacy concerns of monitoring practices and the potential stigma associated with monitoring and confirmed exposure or cases.</p> <p>--Staff and students must stay home if sick.</p> <p>--The MASD administration will identify a space in each school to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms while they wait for transportation home.</p> <p>--School nurses and other healthcare providers will use Standard and</p>



	Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people. --The MASD will collaborate with the school practitioners and health officials as needed.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	--Vaccine clinics will continue to be offered in collaboration with local health providers. These clinics will be open to the students, staff, parents, guardians, and the community at large.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and--	--PPE will be provided to vulnerable students/staff as appropriate and as requested. --The administration/faculty will collaborate with families of students with disabilities and will make appropriate accommodations as needed.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials;	--The MASD will follow the federal, state, and local guidelines as updated.



Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for The Minersville Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 21, 2022.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

 X YES

 NO

Affirmed on: July 21, 2022

By: _____
(Signature* of Board President)

Keith Adams
(Print Name of Board President)

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

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