

# Tamaqua Area School District Health and Safety Plan

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## Health and Safety Plan Summary: Tamaqua Area School District

**Initial Effective Date: August 25, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: August 17, 2021**

**Date of Last Revision: August 17, 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?
  - **Having successfully fully reopened school during the 2020-21 school year, we will implement many of the same procedures that served us so well. Distancing will continue to be used to the greatest extent possible. Reinforcement of hygiene practices, traffic patterns, cleaning and maintenance will continue. Pre-arrival screenings and procedures for sick individuals will still be implemented. Vaccination clinics will be made available as they have in the past.**
  
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 school district will once again utilize its variety of platforms to provide direct instruction to the masses who will attend in-person learning. Our virtual academy will still be available for those that choose a different educational path. Our increase in staff over the past year to support the social-emotional and mental health needs of school community will be maintained.**

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 <u>masks</u> ;	The school district will utilize information from a variety of reputable sources such as the CDC, PA Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, while incorporating local health and transmission information to allow mask wearing for anyone who chooses to wear them during the school day and will develop procedures if current conditions warrant a higher level of intervention. While under the CDC/DoH order, facemasks must be worn on all school district provided transportation.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The school district will continue to utilize physical distancing as is feasible. Classrooms will be organized to provide for such distancing and traffic patterns will continue to be utilized. Extracurricular activities will follow similar parameters. Visitors will be limited during the school day to reduce congestion.
c. <u>Handwashing</u> and respiratory etiquette;	Staff will continue to reinforce hand washing and respiratory etiquette through postings and reminders for older students, with direct instruction of these practices to younger students.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	Outdoor instruction will continue when able. Daily sanitizing of facilities and equipment will continue, as will efforts to improve our HVAC system efficiency.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health	The school district will develop a plan that keeps sick individuals at home. It will also provide them, as well as those in close proximity, with information related to

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departments;	monitoring symptoms and optional quarantining.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Daily pre-arrival screenings will occur with staff utilizing training to identify potential ill students.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	The school district will partner with local providers to offer vaccinations to our eligible students and staff who elect to receive them.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities will receive their full list of accommodations. We will work closely with students, parents and physicians to make informed health-related decisions.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Through the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29, the county superintendents will continue to meet regularly to discuss information from the state as well as our local emergency management contacts. Efforts will be made to create plans to address local needs as they arise.

# Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Tamaqua Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 17, 2021**


The plan was approved by a vote of:

4 Yes

3 No

Affirmed on: **August 17, 2021**

By:



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(Signature\* of Board President)

**Larry Wittig**

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(Print Name of Board President)

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