



DRAFT Health and Safety Plan: Souderton Area School District DRAFT

Initial Effective Date: August 26, 2021 Date of Last Revision:

Part I: Guiding Questions

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 District’s Health and Safety Plan (HSP) will take into account recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH). As such, the plan is a “living document” which may need to be revised as recommendations change. Such changes will be communicated to the Souderton Area School District community via email messages. The chart contained in this HSP outlines the actions the District will engage in to promote the health and safety of students, staff, and community members.

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 District will provide in-person instruction 5 days per week unless an emergency declaration prevents in-person learning. The district uses Multi-Tiered Systems of Support to provide support to all students in grades K-8. Throughout the upcoming school year, the District will implement Second Step, a research-based social/emotional learning program for elementary students. The District’s advisory curriculum will be used for students at the middle level. The SAP Teams will continue to provide support for students in our secondary schools. Our counselors and social workers will provide support for students and families as necessary. Our Employee Assistance Program will also be available for staff needing assistance. Finally, all meals served by the District are being provided at no charge to families for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

Part II: ARP ESSER Requirements and District Responsibilities

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
Universal and correct wearing of masks;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks/Facial Coverings: The District shall maintain the following expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indoor Activities: Masks/facial coverings are optional for all individuals. ○ Outdoor Activities: Masks/facial coverings are optional for all individuals. ○ The district is monitoring federal guidance for masking on transportation vehicles. ● The District shall continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC, the PADOH, and the MCOPH. If recommendations change, the District will communicate revised masking/facial covering information to the community via School Messenger emails.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID-19 is suppressed in our region, as evidenced by extremely low positivity and incidence rates. The District will, however, continue to monitor COVID-19 positivity and incidence rates weekly. Should the District need to revise its masking/facial covering expectations due to changing recommendations from the CDC, the PADOH, or the MCOPH, the District will communicate that information to the community via School Messenger emails.
<p>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classrooms - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain class size guidelines to the maximum extent possible. ○ Organize classrooms to create as much space for students and staff as possible. ● Cafeterias - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor the recommendations of the CDC, the PADOH, and the MCOPH for spacing while eating and follow to the maximum extent feasible. ● Large Group Spaces for Instruction - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schedule the cafeteria and other large spaces such that groups will not overlap in said locations.
<p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide instruction on proper hygiene, including but not necessarily limited to: handwashing, coughing/sneezing, etc. for students and staff. ○ Provide access to soap/water and/or hand sanitizer throughout the day. ● Visual Reminders - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post signs in visible places throughout each building including, but not necessarily limited to: classrooms, restrooms, hallways, gymnasiums, cafeterias, offices, etc.
<p>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, ventilation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cleaning - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procure products appropriate for effective cleaning and sanitizing buildings. ○ Provide training for all custodial and maintenance staff on proper cleaning and sanitation procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. ○ Clean and disinfect all high-touch surfaces (desks, tables, water fountains, door handles, light switches, etc.) following posted EPA/CDC/manufacturer guidelines. ○ Require all individuals to sanitize or wash hands on a frequent basis. (Hand sanitizer will be available in common areas, hallways, and in classrooms where sinks for handwashing are not available.) ○ Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces on buses after each run, morning and afternoon. ● Ventilation - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure each building has appropriate air circulation and ventilation. ○ Equip each isolation room across the District with an air purifier.

<p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Tracing - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Require seating charts to be maintained for all classrooms and instructional spaces. ○ Identify close contacts of individuals with COVID-19 through the contact tracing process. ○ Adhere to quarantine and return-to-school guidance as directed by the MCOPH. ● Isolation and Quarantine - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain an isolation area in each building. The isolation area will have proper ventilation. ○ Require individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while in one of the District's buildings to report immediately to the nurse. ○ Provide appropriate PPE to staff and students in the isolation location and to those interacting directly with such an individual (one who becomes sick in school or demonstrates a history of exposure) who reports to the quarantine area. ○ Follow the MCOPH's guidance regarding when students can return to school following having symptoms of COVID-19 or contracting the virus. ● Collaboration with State and Local Health Departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health about all possible and/or confirmed cases of COVID-19. (COVID-19 is a reportable disease. As such, the District is required to communicate with the MCOPH to report all cases of COVID-19.)
<p>Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diagnostic and Screening Testing - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work collaboratively with the MCOPH and PADOH on potential options for diagnostic and screening testing. (Should the District engage in this testing, the community will be notified of such as soon as practicable.)
<p>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vaccinations - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partner with pharmacies who may want to provide opportunities for eligible individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. (During the 2020-2021 school year the District held four vaccine clinics in partnership with a local pharmacy)
<p>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accommodations for Students with Disabilities - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Document individual student needs in students' IEPs or 504s. (Individual student needs will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.)
<p>Coordination with state and local health officials;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordination with State and Local Health Officials - The District shall continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate with the MCOPH on each case of COVID-19. ○ Revise the HSP according to updated information from the CDC, the PADOH, and/or the MCOPH.



Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of School Directors of the **Souderton Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 26, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

By:

(Signature of Board President)

(Print Name of Board President)