

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Tunkhannock Area School District

Initial Effective Date: July 22, 2021

Date of Last Review: December 7, 2023

Date of Last Revision: June 27, 2022

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?

TASD officials and nurses will remain current on updated CDC and PA DOH guidance. Masks will be available and may be worn by students and staff. Masking protocol will only be changed by a School Board vote or PA state mandate.

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?

TASD will continue to offer mental health support through school counseling offices, social work teams, and CSBBH teams. District nurses are available for consultation and referral as 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.

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a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	<i>Masks will be available and may be worn by students and staff. Masking is not mandatory. Masking protocol will only be changed by a School Board vote or PA state mandate.</i>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<i>TASD will make additional space available if the level of community transmission and the elevation of identified cases in specific school buildings calls for such measures.</i>
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	<i>Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be encouraged and modeled by faculty and staff.</i>
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	<i>TASD will continue to clean and disinfect each school building daily. HVAC upgrades to large group areas in each school are being considered.</i>

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e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<i>TASD is not contact tracing as it is no longer required. The district will isolate and quarantine individuals who have a confirmed COVID positive case. The quarantine period for COVID positive students or staff will be based upon current CDC and PA DOH guidelines.</i>
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	<i>TASD school nurses will temperature screen and ask about symptoms when students or staff are not feeling well.</i>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations</u> to school communities;	<i>TASD will offer in-house vaccine clinics from outside providers for families that may need any type of school age vaccine or students and families that want a COVID vaccine. If taking advantage of this opportunity, parents must attend with their child.</i>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<i>IEP and 504 teams may meet to determine if individual accommodations are necessary for students with disabilities. Accommodations related to COVID-19 due to unique health needs of students will be included in a Health Plan for the child that may become a part of the IEP or 504 plan.</i>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<i>TASD will continue to communicate with the PA DOH, CDC, PDE and local EMA</i>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Tunkhannock Area School District reviewed and approved the updated Health and Safety Plan on December 7, 2023.

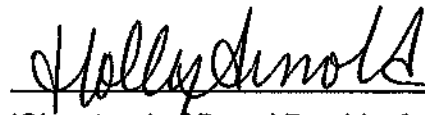
The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: December 7, 2023

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Holly Arnold

(Print Name of Board President)

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December 7, 2023