



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

Union City Area School District

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Union City Area School District

Initial Effective Date: August 13, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 5, 2021

Date of Last Revision: August 5, 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?

UCASD will comply with CDC and Department of Health mandates. The Superintendent also acts as the Pandemic Coordinator and sits in on all meetings. The District's Health and Safety Plan will also be updated as necessary.

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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?

UCASD ensures we meet all of our responsibilities to our students. We communicate with families in rare cases of school closures to ensure they know where to pick up meals. We even bus meals to satellite locations. We are able to service our students from a variety of mediums: in-person, synchronous, and hybrid (we bus students into our internet café. The school district invested in an additional guidance counselor just previous to COVID-19. Our guidance team makes our students' mental health their top priority. We also have SAP in each of our buildings, and our contracted services for more serious cases check in regularly.

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> ;	<i>Frequent announcements and posting in school.</i>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<i>One way halls (when able), elementary cohort grouping (when able), class and bus rosters.</i>
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	<i>Frequent announcements and posting in school.</i>

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d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	District custodians will clean and disinfect all surfaces per the CDC guidelines. Any areas with positive cases and/or close contacts are disinfected by a GBAC certified custodian following CDC mandates. Improvement in ventilation included bringing in more outside air, and also running our HVAC systems earlier in the mornings and later into the evenings, (5 am to 10 pm) every weekday.
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>Both school nurses work in conjunction with the ECDOH and Crawford County. We do all local contact tracing and notify the county agencies of our positives and close contacts as mandated. All positives, close, contacts, and quarantines are tracked via Google Doc with nurses and pandemic coordinator.</i>
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	<i>Parents/Guardians are asked to screen children before reporting to school. Employees are asked to self-check. COVID-19 symptoms are posted throughout building, literature, and online.</i>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	<i>We bussed our students to a vaccine clinic in Meadville, PA on 5/14/21 as well as the second dose. We also held a clinic at our high school on 5/28/21 for initial dose and then June 18th for 2nd dose.</i>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<i>Students have options of different face shields if they have a medical condition or difficulty wearing a face mask due to their specific circumstances. Students are permitted in either brick and mortar and/or cyber school. Special Education teachers use cell phones to allow for direct communication between teacher and student and caregiver.</i>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<i>We have worked closely with the ECDOH in all aspects of our planning since the beginning of the pandemic.</i>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement


The Board of Directors/Trustees for **the Union City Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 12, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes
0 No

Affirmed on: **August 12, 2021**

By:


(Signature* of Board President)

George Trauner

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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