

# Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan BRENTWOOD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A. Each school entity must create a Health and Safety Plan which will serve as the local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school reopening activities.

B. As with all emergency plans, the Health and Safety Plan developed for each school entity should be tailored to the unique needs of each school and should be created in consultation with local health agencies.

C. Each school entity should continue to monitor its Health and Safety Plan throughout the year and update as needed. All revisions should be reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the school entity's public website.

### Our Commitment:

- We commit to reopening for in-person classes and respect that families need to have the option to choose the method of returning to school which works best for their children and family.
- We commit to using medical professionals' recommendations to reopen schools in the safest manner possible keeping in mind our district's unique needs and resources.
- We commit to providing a comprehensive academic program and to providing other services such as social and emotional learning, food service programs, and access to mental health services.
- We commit to providing the necessary PPE equipment for our faculty and staff.
- We commit to communicating with our parents and families and will continue to request feedback to be used to improve the services offered.
- We commit to communicating with our faculty and staff and will continue to request feedback to be used to improve the professional development provided and access to resources to improve services.

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# Health and Safety Plan: Brentwood Borough School District

All decision-makers should be mindful that as long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there are no strategies that can completely eliminate transmission risk within a school population. The goal is to keep transmission as low as possible to safely continue school activities. All school activities must be informed by <u>Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania</u>.

On August 10, 2020, PDE released recommendations for Determining Instructional Models during COVID-19. The recommendations contained in this guidance rely on two standard public health metrics: incidence rate and the percent positivity of diagnostic testing. These metrics are available for every county in Pennsylvania on the COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard. A chart using measurements from the White House Coronavirus Task Force, identifies thresholds representing low, moderate, or substantial community transmission of COVID-19, and corresponding instructional models recommended by the Departments of Health and Education is also posted on the website.

The Department of Education will publish a list identifying the level of community transmission in each county over the most recent 7-day reporting period. This list is available on this page in the section called: Level of Community Transmission Table.

On August 13, 2020, PDE released recommendations for following Identification of Cases of COVID-19.

https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/SchoolClosureRecommentations.aspx

On August 17, 2020, PDE released updated language pertaining to face coverings. The Board of School Directors re-approved the Health and Safety Plan to include the new language.

https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Waivers/MaskWearing/Pages/default.aspx

On November 25, 2020, The Red, Yellow and Green phase terms are no longer being used. The terms Low, Moderate, and Substantial are being used to define community spread. Recommendations are being provided by PDE and the DOH. As per the Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts was signed by the Superintendent and President of the Governing Board on November 25, 2020.

On January 4, 2021, The District will move to full online instruction for the month of January 2021. On January 7, 2021 the state recommended that schools return to in-person learning for the youngest students at the end of January 2021. The district will attempt

to follow this recommendation. A decision will be made by January 22, 2021 and will take into consideration the number of positive cases of COVID-1.

On February 1, 2021, the District brought students in grades K-2 back four days a week. Then on February 8, 2021, the District brought back 3-5 back in person four days a week and students in grades 6-12 back according to the hybrid A-L and M-Z schedule. Parent webinars were held on January 22, February 3, and February 4, 2021 to prepare for the changes in scheduling.

On March 19, 2021, the CDC changed the distance of social distancing from 6ft of distance to 3ft of distance. The Brentwood Borough School District continues to state that the only physical area that will maintain 6ft of distance is in the areas where food will be served and consumed.

On April 6, 2021, students in grades 6-12 will have the option to return to the building four days a week. The online option will remain in place for the remainder of the school year. Students in grades k-5 continue to attend 4 days a week. Wednesdays remain online asynchronous days for students. PDE also updated the school closure guidance as well as the instructional model guidance. The instructional model guidance goes into effect on April 12, 2021.

# **Type of Reopening**

Based on your county's current designation and local community needs, which type of reopening has your school entity selected? As of April 6, 2021, please see below.

Total reopen for all students and staff (but students and families will have the option for distance learning out of safety/health concern).
 Scaffolded reopening: Some students are engaged in in-person learning, while others are distance learning (i.e., some grade levels in-person, other grade levels remote learning).
 Blended reopening that balances in-person learning and remote learning for all students (i.e., alternating days or weeks). The online option will remain in place for the 20-21 school year.

 https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/DeterminingInstructionalModels.aspx

Total remote learning for all students. (Plan should reflect future action steps to be implemented and conditions that would prompt the decision as to when schools will re-open for in-person learning). Anticipated launch date for in-person learning (i.e., start of blended, scaffolded, or total reopening):

# Pandemic Coordinator/Team

Individual(s)	Stakeholder Group Represented	Pandemic Team Roles and Responsibilities (Options Above)
Superintendent	Brentwood Borough SD	Plan Development & Pandemic Response Team
Director of School Police/Security	Brentwood Borough SD PD	Both
Director of Facilities	Brentwood Borough SD Facilities	Both
Administrators	Brentwood Borough SD ELEM, MS, HS	Both
Department/Grade Level Leaders	Brentwood Borough SD ELEM, MS, HS	Both
Paraprofessionals	Brentwood Borough SD ELEM, MS, HS	Both
Food Service	Brentwood Borough SD	Both
Food Service	The Nutrition Group	Both
School Nurses	Brentwood Borough SD ELEM, MS,HS	Both
Department of Health	Health Official	Both
Technology	Brentwood Borough SD Allegheny Intermediate Unit	Both
County EMS	Health Official	Both
Medical Professionals	AHN, UPMC, other medical professionals	Both

Action Steps Action Steps Lead Individual Materials, Resources, PD
Moderate Level Low Phase and Position Needed (Y/N)

Families, Parents,	Brentwood Borough SD ELEM, MS,	Plan Development
Students	HS Parents, Families and Students	·

# Key Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

Requirements

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

March 30, 2021: Guidelines were updated on PDE website.

https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/default.aspx

**Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocol** 

-Determine maximum capacity for Classroom/ learning Administration -Master Scheduling Yes -Determine maximum capacity for each room each room space occupancy that allows for 3-6 -Teachers -Cleaning Supplies -Turn desks in the same direction -Turn desks in the same direction feet of separation Students sit on one side of the -PPE equipment among students -Directors tables/desks facing the same direction -Students sit on one side of the and staff tables/desks facing the same direction throughout the day, -Maintenance -Reduce class size to the maximum -Reduce class size, if possible extent feasible -Remove unused desks, and furniture -Custodians from the classrooms to maximize -Remove unused desks, and furniture social distancing from the classrooms to maximize -Paraprofessionals Physical Distancing social distancing Update March 30, 2021 -Limit physical interaction through partner or group work -Survey families to gauge which https://www.education.p students would prefer virtual a.gov/Schools/safesch -Establish distance between the ools/emergencyplanni instruction to face to face teacher's desk/board and students' ng/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningG desks -Use master schedule to balance uidance/ReopeningPre class numbers as much as possible Kto12/PublicHealthGui -Identify and utilize large spaces for dance/Pages/default.as social distancing -Limit physical interaction through <u>px</u> Implement standard operating partner and group work procedure while taking preventative measures such as -Establish distance between the teacher's desk/board and students' Providing hand sanitizer for desks students and staff Requiring students and staff -Identify and utilize large spaces for to wear face masks, when social distancing possible Implement standard operating Limiting unnecessary procedure while taking congregations of students preventative measures such as: and staff. Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff Requiring students and staff to wear face masks

Limiting unnecessary congregations of students

and staff.

* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms	-Restrict use of cafeteria for eating/large gatheringsPrepare and distribute boxed lunches in classrooms.	-Utilize the cafeteria for lunchesEnsure there is social distancing. 6ft. guidelines and maximum number of students at certain tables.	Nicole Wilding Cafeteria Manager Admin Team		Yes
* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices	-Teacher and reinforce recommended hygiene measures such as handwashing, coverings, coughs and face coverings  -Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer, paper towels, and no touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas  -Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread of infectious disease.  -Required to use the station or personal hand sanitizer prior to classroom entry/re-entry.	-Teacher and reinforce recommended hygiene measures such as handwashing, coverings, coughs and face coverings  -Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer, paper towels, and no touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas  -Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread of infectious disease.  -Required to use the station or personal hand sanitizer prior to classroom entry/re-entry.	-Administrators -Teachers -Paraprofessionals -Nurses -Students -Parents	-Signage -Health Curriculum	Yes
* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2 019-ncov/communication/print- resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3 Adesc	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2 019-ncov/communication/print- resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3 Adesc	-Administrators -Directors	-Laminated Signs -Posters	No

* Identifying and restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers	-Restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and PTA/PTAA members, and activities that involve other groups  -Avoid scheduling large group activities such as field trips  -Follow guidelines from the Brentwood Borough Athletics and Activities Plan  -Only approved meeting or appointments by schedule only  -Must fill out Symptom Check (pink sheet)  -Must wear face covering  -Limit visit/visitors to preidentified room	-Restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities that involve other groups  -Avoid scheduling large group activities such as field trips  -Follow guidelines from the Brentwood Borough Athletics and Activities Plan  -Only approved meeting or appointments by schedule only  -Must fill out Symptom Check (pink sheet)  -Must wear face covering  -Limit visits to preidentified room	-Administrators -Directors	-Policies and Procedures	Yes
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Handling sporting activities for recess	-CDC Guidance for Youth Sports: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-	-CDC Guidance for Youth Sports: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-	-Administrators	-Master Schedule	YES
and physical	ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth- sports.html	ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth- sports.html	-Directors	-Policies &Procedures	
education classes consistent with the	-PA and PIAA Guidance on Youth Sports	-PA and PIAA Guidance on Youth Sports	-Athletic Director	-Cleaning Supplies	
CDC Considerations for Youth Sports	https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid- 19/sports-guidance/	https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid- 19/sports-guidance/	-Athletic Trainer	-PPE	
	-Stagger the schedule for large group	-Stagger the schedule for large group		-FFE	
	gatherings such as recess and PE	gatherings such as recess and PE	-Coaches		
	-Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, outside spaces – as weather permits) for social distancing	-Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, outside spaces – as weather permits) for social distancing	-Teachers		
	-Clean equipment/materials between PE classes, recess, training room	-Clean equipment/materials between PE classes, recess, training room	-Paraprofessionals		
	-Weight room closed	-Weight room 50% capacity	-Maintenance		
	-Students do not dress for PE at middle/ high school-Restructure PE at elementary level	-Students do not dress for PE at middle/ high school – Restructure activities at the elementary level	-Custodians		
	-Individual lockers/cubbies, where feasible	-Individual lockers/cubbies, where feasible			
	-Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:	-Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:			
	*Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff *Require students and staff to wear face masks/coverings unless the following are in place: Schools may allow students to remove their face coverings when students are:	*Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff  *Require students and staff to wear face masks/coverings Schools may allow students to remove their face coverings when students are:			
	Schools may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:	Schools may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:			
	<ol> <li>Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or</li> <li>When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task;</li> <li>At least 6ft apart during face covering breaks to last no longer than 10 minutes.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or</li> <li>When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task;</li> <li>At least 6ft apart during face covering breaks to last no longer than 10 minutes.</li> </ol>			
	*Limiting unnecessary congregations of students and staff	*Limiting unnecessary congregations of students and staff *Schedule recess so students remain in			
	*Schedule recess so students remain in same groups together	same groups together		Page 40	of 20
	*Consider sports/activities that do not require sharing equipment	*Consider sports/activities that do not require sharing equipment		Page 10	ψι <b>29</b>

\*Consider sports/activities that do not require sharing equipment

imiting the sharing f materials among	- Identify necessary learning tools and resources, consider using	- Identify necessary learning tools and resources, consider using	-Administrators	-Bins/Cubbies/Desks	YES
tudents	consumables (when possible)	consumables (when possible)	-Directors	-Individual Tools	
	-Assign a cubby, bin, or desk to each child where s/he can keep hard copy	-Assign a cubby, bin, or desk to each child where s/he can keep hard copy	-Teachers	-Art Supplies	
	texts and learning tools (e.g. rulers, calculators)	texts and learning tools (e.g. rulers, calculators)	-Technology	-Manipulatives	
	,	,	-Paraprofessionals	-Individual basic school	
	-Limit the sharing of technology tools	-Limit the sharing of technology tools	•	supplies, scissors, rulers,	
	by providing 1:1 devices and cleaning materials to be used between uses	by providing 1:1 devices and cleaning materials to be used between uses		pencils, notebooks	
				-Science Equipment	
	-Limit sharing of high-touch materials				
	to extent possible (art supplies, math	-Provide enough supplies to minimize		-Cleaning supplies	
	manipulatives, science equipment, etc.), or limit the use of supplies and	sharing of high-touch materials to		-PPE	
	equipment to one group of children at	extent possible or limit the use of supplies and equipment to one group		-PPE	
	a time and clean and disinfect these	of children at a time and clean and			
	items between uses	disinfect these items between uses			
	-Provide each classroom with a clean	-Provide each classroom with a clean			
	and dirty bin for those items that are	and dirty bin for those items that are			
	shared	shared			

Staggering the use
of communal space
and hallways

- -Develop Entry Procedures and master schedule
- -Direct movement with clear traffic patterns; Establish clear traffic patterns with appropriate visual supports (e. g., directional arrows, signage, etc.) to enter the building and designate entrance and exit flow paths
- -Establish a protocol for student pick/drop up: staggered entry and release (by grade, class, or bus numbers), marked spacing for pickup
- Close water fountains and replace with no touch water bottle refill stations
- -Close communal-use spaces such as cafeterias and playgrounds, if possible; otherwise, stagger their use and disinfect them in between uses
- -Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff
- -Limit movement throughout the building and restrict mixing between groups to the extent possible. Try to keep the same student and staff groupings together throughout the school day as much as possible.
- -Transitions: For class changes and other transitions throughout the school day:
  - \*Limit transition times
- \*Designate areas of the hallway (i.e. lanes) as flow paths to keep students separated students to limit congregation of students
- -Limit staggered class (ex: by hall, odd/even room numbers, grade/ discipline) changes to decrease number of students in hallways at one time
- -Keep same group of students stay with the same staff (all day for young children and as much as feasible for older children)
- -Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
- \*Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff
- \*Allowing students and staff to wear face masks/coverings
- -Limiting unnecessary congregations of students and staff

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- -Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff · Minimize unnecessary congregations of students and staff
- -Minimize movement throughout the building and restrict mixing between groups to the extent possible.
- -Try to keep the same student and staff groupings together throughout the school day as much as possible.
- -Transitions: For class changes and other transitions throughout the school day:
  - \*Provide additional time for transitions
- \*Designate areas of the hallway (i.e. lanes) as flow paths to keep students separated students to minimize congregation of students
- \*Plan staggered class (ex: by hall, odd/even room numbers, grade/ discipline) changes to decrease number of students in hallways at one time
- -Consider grouping students with the same staff (all day for young children and as much as possible)
- -Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
- \*Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff
- \*Allowing students and staff to wear face masks/coverings
- \*Limiting unnecessary congregations of students and staff

- -Administrators
- -Directors
- -Teachers
- -Paraprofessionals
- -Maintenance
- -Custodians
- -Cafeteria Staff

- -Master Schedule
- -Signage on floors and walls
- -Policies & Procedures
- -Cleaning Supplies
- -PPE

ljusting	Steel Center	Steel Center	-Administrators	-School Calendar	
nsportation hedules and	Out of District Placements	Out of District Placements	-Directors	-Policies & Procedures	
actices to create cial distance			-Business Manager		
 tween students			-business Manager		

Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces and interactions between groups of students

### **WHO Guidance**

https://www.who.int/wes
ternpacific/emergenci
es/covid19/information/physic
aldistancing#:~:text=C
OVID%2D19%3A%20
physical%20distancin
g,Protect%20yourself
%20and%20others.

### **CDC Guidance**

https://www.cdc.gov/cor onavirus/2019ncov/prevent-gettingsick/socialdistancing.html -Determine maximum capacity for each room, keeping 3ft-6ft when feasible

The District will not guarantee any physical distancing in the classrooms as the number of students returns increases.

- -Limit movement throughout the building
- -Restrict mixing between groups; Keep the same student and staff groupings together throughout the school day as much as possible
- -Students remain in the same classroom; Elementary teacher switches classrooms instead of students
- -Use the master schedule to balance class numbers as much as possible
- -Remove unused desks and furniture in classrooms; maximize social distancing (to the extent practicable)
- -Limit physical interaction through partner or group work
- Establish distance between the teacher's desk/board and students' desks; Mark spaced lines for entry, exit, and flow in each room to promote social distancing
- -Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, outside spaces for social distancing)
- -Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff
- -Conducting cleaning of classrooms and high-touch surfaces each day

- -Determine your maximum capacity for each room, keeping 3-6ft when feasible
- -Minimize movement throughout the building
- -Minimize mixing between groups; Keep the same student and staff groupings together throughout the school day as much as possible
- -Consider students remaining in the same classroom; Consider teachers switching classrooms instead of students
- -Use the master schedule to balance class numbers as much as possible
- -Remove unused desks and furniture in classrooms; maximize social distancing (to the extent practicable)
- -Minimize physical interaction through partner or group work · Establish distance between the teacher's desk/board and students' desks; Mark spaced lines for entry, exit, and flow in each room to promote social distancing
- -Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, outside spaces for social distancing)
- -Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff
- -Conducting cleaning of classrooms and high-touch surfaces each day

-Administrators -Master Schedule
-Directors -Signs and markings for

the floor and walls

-Maintenance -Policies/Procedures

-Cleaning Supplies

-Custodians

-Paraprofessionals -Continuously monitor inventory PPE

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NO

Coordinating with local childcare regarding on site care, transportation	-Increase communication as neededReview special arrangements that	<ul><li>-Increase communication as needed.</li><li>-Review special arrangements that</li></ul>	-Administration -Directors	Transportation	No
protocol changes and, when possible, revised hours of operation or modified school- year calendars	were in place before Covid-19 and decide whether those processes can continue in the yellow phase.	were in place before Covid-19 and decide whether those processes can continue in the Green phase	-Child Care Providers		

# **Monitoring Student and Staff Health**

March 30, 2021 Guidelines were updated on PDE website.

https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/default.aspx

March 31, 2021, all staff were offered the option to be vaccinated through the AIU. Those that elected to receive the vaccine on their own were required to schedule appointments on their own time. The vaccine was not required, and employees were expected to use their own sick, personal, or vacation days if they elected not to receive the vaccination.

Requirements
Action Steps
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Requirements	Action Steps Moderate/Substantial Level	Action Steps Low Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure	Parents will be asked to check for symptoms PRIOR to sending students to school.  -Check for signs and symptoms of students and employees daily upon arrival- Faculty and staff will self-report  -Conduct routine, daily health checks (e.g., temperature and symptom screening) which include checks for history of exposure. At school students will report to the nurse if symptoms are noticed.  -Consider a process to address privacy concerns of monitoring practices and the potential stigma associated with monitoring and confirmed exposure or cases  -Develop a system for home/self-screening and reporting procedures (*Pink Questionnaire)  -Encourage staff to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home  -Consider flexible attendance policies for students and staff	-Parents will be asked to check for symptoms prior to sending students to school.  -Check for signs and symptoms of students and employees daily upon arrival- Faculty will self-report via the pink questionnaire.  -Conduct routine, daily health checks (e.g., temperature and symptom screening) which include checks for history of exposure  -Consider a process to address privacy concerns of monitoring practices and the potential stigma associated with monitoring and confirmed exposure or cases  -Develop a system for home/self-screening and reporting procedures  -Encourage staff to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home	-Administrators -School Nurses -Support Nurses	-Questionnaire -Parent communication -Isolation rooms -Trainings	Yes

Requirements	Action Steps Moderate/Substantial Level	Action Steps Low Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure  Coronavirus Symptoms https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html  What Health Care professionals need to know about COVID-19 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients-H.pdf  Standard Precautions https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/standard-precautions.html  Transmission Based Precautions https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/transmission-based-precautions.html	-Work with school administrators, school nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms  -School nurses, support nurse, and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people  -Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick home or to a healthcare facility  -Notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws  -Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection. Wear PPE equipment when cleaning and disinfecting  -Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children  -Advise sick staff members and children not to return until they have met state DOH criteria to discontinue home isolation.  -Inform those who have had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and follow state DPH guidance if symptoms develop. If a person does not have symptoms, follow appropriate state DPH guidance for home quarantine.	Work with school administrators, school nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms.  -School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people  -Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick home or to a healthcare facility  -Notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws  -Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection. Wait 24 hours before you clean and disinfect. If not feasible, wear PPE to clean the room  -Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children.  -Advise sick staff members and children not to return until they have met state DOH criteria to discontinue home isolation  Inform those who have had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and follow state DPH guidance if symptoms develop. If a person does not have symptoms, follow appropriate state DPH guidance for home quarantine.	-Administrators -School Nurses -Support Nurse	-Inferred thermometer -Questionnaire -Parent communication	Yes

Requirements	Action Steps Moderate/Substantial Level	Action Steps Low Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school	-Develop procedures based on CDC guidelines -  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019 -ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home- isolation.html	-Develop procedures based on CDC guidelines  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019 -ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home- isolation.htm	-Administrators -School Nurses -Support Nurses	-Policies & Procedures -Questionnaire -Parent communication	Yes
Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school-year changes in safety protocols  Updated March 30, 2021  Notifying Families of Closures  https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/SchoolClosureRecommentations.aspx	-Communicate using Skylert Messaging in email and phone -Post important messages to the website using the ALERT banner	-Communicate using Skylert Messaging in email and phone -Post important messages to the website using the ALERT banner	-Administrators -Technology	-Communication Systems	

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: Brentwood Borough School District

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# Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

# Requirement(s) **Strategies, Policies and Procedures** \* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, -Daily cleaning of schools with EPA approved disinfectants against COVID-19 surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, cleaning products will decrease the volume of virus left on surfaces and objects. drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation) -Apply to frequently touched surfaces and objects including door handles, sink handles, and water bottle refill stations. -Custodial/Maintenance staff will utilize the Clorox 360 machine in all classes and common areas. - Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk. - Includes language in Attestation Form Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts. -New air conditioning units include the air cleaning elements to decrease the spread of viruses.

# **Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols**

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- \* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 3-6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible. As more students return to in-person learning, parents have been advised that no set feet of physical distance can be guaranteed.
- \* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms
- \* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices
- \* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs
- \* Handling sporting activities consistent with the <a href="CDC Considerations for Youth Sports">CDC Considerations for Youth Sports for recess and physical education classes</a>

Limiting the sharing of materials among students

Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways

Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students

Coordinating with local childcare regarding on site care, transportation protocol changes and, when possible, revised hours of operation or modified school-year calendars

# **Strategies, Policies and Procedures**

- -Calculate recommended capacity for each space
- -Turn desks to face one direction
- -Remove extra furniture, equipment
- -Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs and face covering
- -Provide hand soap and approved hand sanitizer, paper towels and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas
- -Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread. COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures, good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols
- Increase communication as needed
- -YMCA is committed to offering after school care until 6pm A summer program will also be offered.
- -Review special arrangements that were in place before COVID-19 and decide whether those processes can continue in the yellow/moderate phase

# **Monitoring Student and Staff Health**

Requirement(s)

Strategies, Policies and Procedures

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\* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure

### **Symptom Monitoring System:**

- > Temperature with temporal touchless thermometer
- Are you taking any medication to treat or suppress a fever?
- > Are you currently experiencing any of the following?

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### Considerations: See chart below

- > Has symptoms is defined as having 1 or more symptom(s) in Column A.
- > Or 2 or more symptoms in Column B
- Yes to medication to suppress a fever
- \* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure
- \* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school
- \*Polymerise Chain Reaction (PCR test) or antibody test- Tests used to identify COVID-19

Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school- year changes in safety protocols

### **Strategies, Policies and Procedures**

- -Conduct routine, daily health checks, which include checks for history of exposure
- -Consider a process to address privacy concerns of monitoring practices and the potential stigma associated with monitoring the confirmed exposure or cases
- -Implement a home/self-screen and reporting procedures.
- -Encourage staff to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home
- -Adopt flexible attendance policies for students and staff.
- -Work with school administrators, school nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms
- -School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people
- -Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick home or to a healthcare facility
- -Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection. Cleaning and disinfecting of areas is to be completed as soon as possible.
- -Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children
- -Advise sick staff members and children not to return until they have met state DOH criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- -Inform those who have had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and follow state DOH guidance for home quarantine.
- -Develop policies and procedures based on COVID-19 guidelines

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Column A	Column B	- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are	
1 or more symptoms	2 or more symptoms	sick/index.html	
	Rigors	-Utilize Skylert messaging	
Cough	Sore throat	-Post to Website	
Shortness of Breath	Chills		
Difficulty Breathing	Muscle Aches	-Skylert messaging, Mailing letters	
New olfactory disorder	Headache		
New taste disorder	Nausea/vomiting		
	Diarrhea		
	Fever (measured or subjective)		
	Myalgia		
	Fatigue		
Updated November 25, 2021	Congestion Runny Nose		

Other Considerations for Students and Staff

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# \* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html

- -Survey at-risk staff members to gauge their intentions in returning to work while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws
- -Survey families with vulnerable children to gauge their intentions in returning to a traditional school setting while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws
- -Provide remote/distance learning opportunities for vulnerable student populations in consultation with parents and public health officials
- -Consult with local board attorneys and district human resources officials to offer special accommodations (such as an alternative teaching assignment) for personnel who are members of vulnerable populations
- -Adhere to FERPA and HIPPA requirements
- -Adhere to state and federal employment law and extended leave allowances
- -Information should be provided to staff, students, and families on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings
- -As of July 1, 2020, face coverings are required until further notice.

Schools may allow staff to remove face coverings when students are:

- \* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff
- 1. Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or
- 2. When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task;
- 3. At least 6ft apart during face covering breaks to last no longer than 10 minutes.
- -Any policy regarding face coverings should be sensitive to the needs of students and staff with medical issues that make the wearing of a face covering inadvisable.

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\* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by older students (as appropriate) https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Waivers/MaskWearing/Pages/default.aspx

Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.

# **Face Coverings CDC Guidance**

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Survey families with vulnerable children to gauge their intentions in returning to a traditional school setting while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.

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Unique safety protocols for	-Provide remote/distance learning opportunities for vulnerable student populations in consultation with parents and public health officials.
students with complex needs or	-Reconvene IEP Meetings to adjust for special needs
other vulnerable individuals	Updated order as of November 25,2020
	DOH Face Coverings <a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Updated%20Order%20ot%20the%20Secretary%20Requiring%20Universal%20Face%20Coverings.pdf">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Updated%20Order%20ot%20the%20Secretary%20Requiring%20Universal%20Face%20Coverings.pdf</a>
	PDE FAQ Face Coverings <a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Waivers/MaskWearing/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Waivers/MaskWearing/Pages/default.aspx</a>
	PDE FAQ Physical Distancing <a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/20-21FAQs/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/20-21FAQs/Pages/default.aspx</a>
	Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts- Updated order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings.
Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19	https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/20-21FAQs/Pages/default.aspx

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Deficit in budget for 20-21	There is a deficit of \$2.24 million dollars expected in the 20-21 budget due primarily to COVID-19.
PDE Competitive \$61,750	PDE Competitive Grant Grant was released on Monday April 6 and was due on Friday, April 10. Funding had to be spent prior to June 30, 2020. Used to help offset costs of COVID-19 Items included: Computers for elementary teachers Supplies for letters to special education families Tracfones for ESL teachers, Special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and nurses to communicate with families.
CARES/ESSER FUNDING \$184,795	CARES/ESSER I Grant was released on May14 and was due on June 30, 2020 Funding must be used by September 30, 2022  Lease 1250 devices for students Internet hotspots for students without internet access- Districts must provide options for families to connect to the Internet.  \$50,000 set aside to obtain additional mental health services for students, faculty and staff.
PCCD Grant- \$168,149- School Safety Grant	PCCD Grant Grant released on June 18, 2020 and was due by June 30, 2020 Funding must be spent by October 30, 2020 Money will be used to employee 8 Canvas mentors who will work with the administration and faculty to implement Canvas. The remainder of the money will be dedicated to purchasing PPE equipment and supplies from multiple

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vendors.

Replaces the PCCD grant from previous years which was a two-part grant. The first part guaranteed \$35,000 to be used for safety. The second part of the previous grant was a competitive grant that could be used on mental health services and safety initiatives. The first year of the grant the district received \$261.000 which was committed paying the salary of the elementary school counselor for two years and paid for a social emotional curriculum and necessary training.

\*\*Please note that even with the additional funding totaling \$414,684 the school district is expecting a deficit of \$1.82 million in the school budget due to COVID-19 expenses.

\*\*\* Please also note that most of the funding received from the state and federal government went to secure supplies, equipment, and PPE. Out of the \$414,684 \$28,000 will be used to fund the Canvas mentors. Therefore, we're requesting additional funding.

# Special Education COVID-19

Impact Mitigation \$5,000 PDE- Special Education COVID-19 Mitigation Grant

Released on 10-30-2020

Funding Must be spent by January 2021

A small portion had to be sent to the nonpublic schools of St. Sylvester and St. Gabriel

The District used the money to help offset the cost of leasing the computers and software needed for our students receiving special education services.

# PCCD Health and Safety Grant \$35,866

PCCD released the grant and applications were due January 20, 2021

Grant is funded by Act 30 of 2020 which provided 49.8 million

Funding must be spent by September 30,2022

A small portion has to be sent to the nonpublic schools of St. Sylvester and St. Gabriel

The District used the money to pay for a portion of the extended warranties on the student Chromebooks.

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ESSRS II \$839,413 No initiated	PDE Emergency Relief Fund COVID-19 Application is open and due by 3-2021 Money Must be spent by 9-2024 The money will be used to replace Promethean Boards at the MS/HS, summer school (K-12), mental health
ESSERS III Estimated only not released yet	needs, professional development, technology, and other supplies/equipment needed to address COVID-19.  More information to follow in the coming months.

# **Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Brentwood Borough School District** reviewed and approved the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan on **Monday**, **July 13**, **2020**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:
9Yes
No
Affirmed on: Monday, July 13, 2020.
By:
Mr. Robert F. Kircher, Jr. See attached form for signature.
(Signature* of Board President)
Mr. Robert F. Kircher, Jr.

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

**Option A:** The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

**Option B:** If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.

The Board ratified the changes on January 11, 2021.

The Board ratified the changes on February 8, 2021.

The Board ratified the changes on April 12, 2021.