



# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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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 30, 2022

Date of Last Review: August 4, 2022

Date of Last Revision: August 4, 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?

***UCASD will comply with CDC and Department of Health mandates. The superintendent acts as the Pandemic Coordinator. The District's Health and Safety Plan will be reviewed every 60 days, and updated when appropriate.***

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 have communicated with families in rare cases of school transitions to online synchronous learning to ensure all stakeholders know where to pick up meals. We bus meals to satellite locations as necessary. We are able to service our students from a variety of mediums: in-person, synchronous, and hybrid (we have bussed students into school for an internet café if needed). The school district invested in an additional guidance counselor. Our guidance regularly checks on our students, and investigates all tips or cases brought to them via SAP, which is in all three buildings.***

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 masks;
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);

***Masks are no longer mandated by CDC or the Department of Health.***

***Classrooms and busses are returning to normal this year. As always we encourage our faculty and staff to space students to the greatest extent possible.***

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- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette; *We will continue to remind students via announcements, and signs are located in restrooms.*
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; *All rooms and busses are cleaned on a regular basis with COVID approved solutions. Our district has recently updated the secondary school's ventilation system, and is in the process of updating our elementary school's with ESSER funds.*
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; *Our assistant pandemic coordinator will contact trace from within the school environment of any positive cases reported. All cases will be traced via Google Doc. Weekly reports will be submitted to the Department of Health as necessary. Individuals will follow their physician's recommendations for isolation and quarantine.*
- f. Diagnostic and screening testing; *When the pandemic was in full swing, the district held multiple vaccination and texting clinics. This is no long necessary. We will advise individuals to seek treatment/testing at their physician's office or pharmacy.*
- g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; *When the pandemic was in full swing, the district held multiple vaccination and texting clinics. This is no long necessary. We will advise individuals to seek treatment/testing at their physician's office or pharmacy.*
- h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and *Any student that has a compromised immune system, or is at a potential risk to the COVID-19 virus, will be highly encouraged to wear a face shield. We will also offer social distancing to these students if requested.*
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials. *We will submit our plan to the department of health.*

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Union City Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 4, 2022

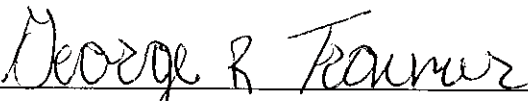
The plan was approved by a vote of:

6 Yes

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Affirmed on: August 4, 2022

By:

  
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(Signature\* of Board President)

George Trauner

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(Print Name of Board President)

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