

# Health and Safety Plan Summary

## Pine-Richland School District

Initial Plan Submission: **July 13, 2021**  
Date of Last Full Plan Review: **January 10, 2022**  
Date of Last Revision: **March 21, 2022**  
Effective Date: **March 22, 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?**

PRSD started the 2021 - 2022 school year with full in-person instruction and a series of mitigation strategies that included required masking indoors for all students, staff and visitors. A full virtual option was also available as a selection for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

**Effective January 10, 2022, universal masking remained a requirement for students, staff and visitors indoors during the school day (i.e., bus stop-to-bus stop).** However, masking became recommended but optional outside of the school day for extra-curricular, co-curricular and other events. Masking is required - at all times - indoors for a person to take advantage of shortened periods of isolation or quarantine per revised CDC guidance (December 27, 2021). All other mitigation strategies remain in place.

**Effective February 16, 2022, masking became recommended but optional for students, staff and visitors with all other mitigation strategies remaining in place.** Masking remained a requirement on the school bus per federal requirement. Masking was also required – at all times – for a person to take advantage of shortened periods of isolation or quarantine per revised CDC guidance (December 27, 2021).

**Effective February 28, 2022, masking on school buses became optional** given the revisions to the CDC guidance that eliminated this requirement.

**Effective March 22, 2022, board action was taken to eliminate contact tracing, subsequent family notification, and the need to quarantine regardless of vaccination status.**

For a description of prevention and mitigation strategies, see the table below. Additional detail available on the PRSD COVID-19 [website](#).

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?**

The full continuum of services is available for all PRSD students, families and staff. Key partner representatives, such as transportation and food service, are part of the PRSD Healthcare Leadership Council (see table below). Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are available to all students with activity-specific health and safety requirements consistent with this plan.

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 <a href="#">masks</a> ;	Masking is optional. For students or staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 and are returning after Day 5 of isolation, masks are required through Day 10.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> ;	Physical distancing will be managed to the extent possible without altering program design or delivery. Distancing is approximately 3' – 6' in most cases. PRSD continues to provide 6' of physical distancing in the cafeteria. Parents have continued to help reduce the number of students on school buses by voluntarily helping with drop-off and/or pick-up.
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	Proper handwashing and cough etiquette will be reviewed via announcement, school nurses and/or signage. Daily symptom checking will occur at home.
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	Building sanitation by the custodial staff through practices similar to 2020 – 2021. HVAC systems will be managed through the facilities staff with maintenance and management aligned to system requirements. Ventilation has also included increased outside air intake.
e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Students or staff testing positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for Days 1 – 5. If fever free with resolving symptoms, they may return and wear a mask for Days 6 – 10. <b>Effective March 22, 2022, board action was taken to eliminate contact tracing, subsequent family notification, and the need to quarantine regardless of vaccination status.</b>
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	Given the availability of healthcare facilities, healthcare professionals and vaccines in northern Allegheny County, staff and families will continue to manage access independently. Information about vaccines is linked to the PRSD COVID-19 website.
g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	Given the availability of healthcare facilities, healthcare professionals and vaccines in northern Allegheny County, staff and families will continue to manage access independently. Information about vaccines is linked to the PRSD COVID-19 website.

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h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	The full learning system is available for all students (i.e., curriculum, instruction, assessment, MTSS framework and continuum of services). Representatives of the Student Services and Special Education Department, including the lead psychologist, participate in the Healthcare Leadership Council.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	CDC, PDOH, PDE and ACHD guidance is reviewed frequently. From June 2020 through January 2022, PRSD implemented a Healthcare Leadership Council comprised of 40+ local stakeholders to guide recommendations. In addition, PRSD collaborates with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and ACHD to monitor conditions. The PRSD School Board also reviews the health and safety plan at each publicly advertised board meeting.

**In consultation with ACHD and the board president, the superintendent may shift a classroom, building or district to virtual instruction if warranted by the quantity or nature of cases AND/OR implement short-term, heightened mitigation.** For example, a classroom cluster of COVID-19 cases in an elementary classroom may require a short-term shift to virtual learning. **If staffing shortages emerge at the building or district level that do not permit the safe supervision of students and/or delivery of educational programming, the superintendent may communicate a short-term shift to virtual learning.** Additional mitigation strategies are outlined on the PRSD COVID-19 website.

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Pine-Richland School District** reviewed and approved a modification to the Health and Safety Plan on **March 21, 2022**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

5 Yes

4 No

Affirmed on: **March 21, 2022**

By:



(Signature\* of Board President)

Gregory J. DiTullio, School Board President

(Print Name of Board President)

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