

Health and Safety Plan Summary

Pine-Richland School District

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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?

We are planning to **start the 2021 - 2022 school year with full in-person instruction and a series of mitigation strategies that include required masking indoors for all students, staff and visitors.** A full virtual option is also available for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Additional detail available on the PRSD COVID-19 [website](#). For a description of prevention and mitigation strategies, see the table below.

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).

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 masks ;	Masking will be required indoors K – 12 for all students, staff and visitors. Masking will be required on school buses. Masking is optional outdoors. A process will be shared so that parents can submit a written request from a medical professional to address individual concerns (i.e., <i>if wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability</i>). For those wearing masks, CDC guidelines for universal and correct wearing of masks will be communicated and reinforced. A similar approach is used for athletics and activities

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	<p>with masking indoors except during active competition.</p> <p>The recommendation for required masking is intended for the start of the year. As conditions and/or guidance change, we believe it may become possible to adjust the masking requirement. For example, it is possible that decision-points for "required versus optional" are aligned to levels of transmission (i.e., low, moderate, substantial and high). It is also possible that levels of transmission could vary by K - 6 versus 7 - 12 due to the availability of a vaccine (i.e., age 11 and under).</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u>;</p>	<p>Physical distancing will be managed to the extent possible without altering program design or delivery. Distancing should reach 3' – 6' in most cases.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<p>Proper handwashing and cough etiquette will be reviewed via announcement, school nurses and/or signage. Daily symptom checking will occur at home similar to 2020 – 2021.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Per current public health guidance, it is likely that quarantine requirements will continue in the fall for close contacts to a confirmed positive individual case. Vaccinated individuals – of any age – do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. The PRSD pandemic response team will continue to coordinate with ACHD officials and families to manage this process.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Given the availability of healthcare facilities, healthcare professionals and vaccines in northern Allegheny County, staff and families will continue to manage access. Information about vaccines will be linked to the PRSD COVID-19 website.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>Given the availability of healthcare facilities, healthcare professionals and vaccines in northern Allegheny County, staff and families will continue to manage access. Information about vaccines will be linked to the PRSD COVID-19 website.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>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,</p>

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	including the lead psychologist, participate in the Healthcare Leadership Council.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	CDC, PADOH, PDE and ACHD guidance is reviewed frequently. Since June 2020, PRSD has implemented a Healthcare Leadership Council comprised of 43 local stakeholders to guide recommendations. This council includes subject-matter experts and continues to meet on an as needed basis. In addition, PRSD collaborates with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and ACHD to monitor conditions.

Additional mitigation strategies are outlined on the PRSD COVID-19 website.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

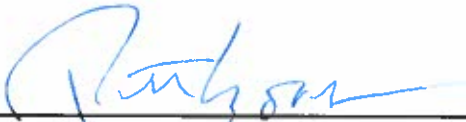
The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Pine-Richland School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 16, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes
2 No

Affirmed on: **August 16, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Peter Lyons

(Print Name of Board President)

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