

ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Bristol Township School District

Initial Effective Date: June 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: June 30, 2021

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Introduction: Bristol Township School district operations will be implemented in the same manner as those in place prior to the pandemic; the exceptions will be fully described within this document. Bristol Township School District will be open all year for in-person instruction, five days a week, during the 2021-2022 school year. This plan reflects those components we will keep in place to promote general health and safety for all students, employees, and visitors as well as remaining compliant with national, state, and local health guidance.

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?

The school district implemented a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 school year using mitigation strategies supported by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Bucks County Health Department. These strategies were successful in supporting the larger public health initiative to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our district community, especially those at increased risk for severe illness. Further, our district supported and/or facilitated vaccination clinics for our teachers, staff, and students.

Our district will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Bucks County Health Department. This information will assist the district when reviewing our mitigation strategies for effectiveness. The guidance will also be used to revise our health and safety plan, as necessary. The chart below provides strategies, policies, and procedures to be used within the district.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the student's academic needs, and students and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Academically, the district expects a full return to in-person, face-to-face learning for the 2021-22 Academic Year. These interventions include our Cyber Academy (as per the MOU between Bristol Township School District and Bristol Township Education Association)

and/or the district's fully online virtual option (Elementary Only when at least 15 students exist in one grade level).

A focus on social, emotional, and mental health interventions will continue in the district across all grade levels. Students will continue to have access to their school counselors as part of their school day at all grade levels. In our elementary schools, guidance lessons will continue to be a part of our students' programming. The district will continue to monitor students' needs when the school year begins. Professional development before the start of the 2021-22 school year, supports staff's understanding of how to support students in their return to school. Through this professional development, all staff will be aware of how to support students during the transition back to school.

For the 2021-22 school year, our food services department will continue to provide free meals for students. Will be participating in the Summer Seamless Option (SSO) and provide free meals to all students who want to partake.

- 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
<p>Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No federal, state or local health authority will require face coverings indoors or outdoors. Therefore, for all Bristol Township programs and events, face coverings will be optional for all individuals, unless otherwise required by the host entity, agency, school, and/or district. As of July 1, 2021, the district will not require face covering of individuals. The district will support all individuals who prefer to continue to wear a face covering. The district will follow recommendations and orders concerning face coverings that may be put in place by health and/or government officials.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTSD will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments. Specifically, BTSD will continue to rely on the Bucks County Health Department's (BCHD) guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The best practice encourages handwashing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snacks, transition back to class from being

	<p>outside, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. The district will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The district will have available hand sanitizer in strategic locations of high-traffic areas. ● The district will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u></u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The district utilizes EPA Approved Disinfectants for use against COVID 19, following the approved application standards. There will be routine cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, common areas, and office spaces. ● If there is a case of COVID-19, cleaning and disinfecting of the area will take place. ● The district will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible. The district will change filters regularly for these systems. ● Additional cleaning/disinfecting products are available for staff use as needed - disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, hand soap, and paper towels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Contact tracing in combination with <u>isolation and quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments</u>; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The BTSD will continue to work in partnership with the BCHD for all COVID-19-related case investigations and contact tracing. ● Per the BCHD, beginning June 19, 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The BCHD will no longer require: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. individuals to report positive COVID-19 test results or exposure to a positive case. b. BTSD to report positive COVID-19 test results of individuals to the BCHD. ● Local COVID-19 testing laboratories will continue to report positive COVID-19 test results to the BCHD through the Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS). ● The BTSD will consult with the BCHD in the event of any public health-related questions or concerns for guidance. This includes COVID-19. ● The BCHD may recommend temporary

	<p>disease mitigation strategies (such as increased physical distancing, masking, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The BCHD will no longer issue isolation or quarantine orders related to COVID-19. ● The BCHD will not require the BTSD to notify close contacts of any positive case. As such, no notifications will be made. ● The BCHD will not require the BTSD to notify any individual, classroom, school, or community of any positive case of COVID-19. As such, no such communications will be sent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The BTSD will regularly communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders in an effort to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments. For example, individuals will be reminded to not report to school/work if they are not well or are experiencing symptoms that would otherwise cause them to seek medical attention. ● The BCHD is no longer offering free COVID-19 testing for school stakeholders. The BCHD recommends that the BTSD refer any individual in need of a COVID-19 to a medical health provider.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BTSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination opportunities will be shared with the BTSD community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BTSD is a high-quality provider of services for individuals with disabilities. BTSD will continue to meet those needs through the IEP/504 process and the multi-tiered, multi-domain system of support model. BTSD will continue to design and follow any individualized health and safety plan for the students we serve. ● BTSD will continue to train staff and contractors on Universal Precautions. ● BTSD will regularly communicate best

	<p>practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders in an effort to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments. For example, individuals will be reminded to not report to school or to work if they are not well or are experiencing symptoms that would cause them to seek medical attention. BTSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordination with state and local health officials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BTSD will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments. ● Specifically, BTSD will rely on local health authority guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals. ● BTSD will continue to facilitate ongoing forums for discussion and planning with federal, state, and local health authorities, and among local school entities.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

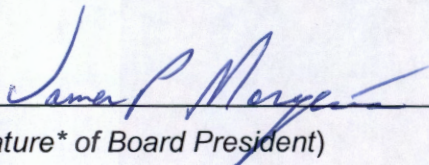
The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Bristol Township School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on June 30th, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

 8 **Yes**
 0 **No**
 1 **Absent**

Affirmed on: June 30th, 2021

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

(James P. Morgan III)

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

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