



The Children's Aid Society of Franklin County ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **The Children's Aid Society of Franklin County**

Initial Effective Date: August 30, 2021

Date of Last Review:

Date of Last Revision:

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 Children's Aid Society of Franklin County (CAS) will continue to utilize guidance from the CDC, the PA Department of Health, and our local health partners at Keystone Health to inform our health and safety planning decisions. CAS is committed to keeping students in the classroom for daily in-person instruction in the safest manner possible. This plan will be monitored, revised, and updated as federal, state, and local orders evolve.

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?

CAS will continue to utilize a broad range of services to ensure the continuity of services, including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. We will use outside counselors, mental health, and support agencies to support both students and staff. In addition, staff have access to behavioral health support through the employee benefits plan. CAS will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students.

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 ;	<p>All staff and essential visitors must wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. CAS encourages students to wear a mask.</p> <p>Masks must be worn as to cover the mouth and nose.</p> <p>Masks will be provided to all staff, students, and essential visitors if needed.</p>

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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Classroom/learning spaces have been redesigned as appropriate to ensure social distancing among students to the maximum extent feasible.</p> <p>CAS will offer meetings with parents and outside partners digitally whenever feasible.</p> <p>CAS will identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasium and outside spaces – as weather permits) for social distancing.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Staff and students are encouraged to practice regularly scheduled hand washing or sanitizing, including but not limited to entry into the classroom, after using the restroom, before and after eating, and after coughing/sneezing or nose blowing.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be made available in all common areas, hallways, and in the classroom. Adults should always supervise student use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.</p> <p>Staff will educate and reinforce frequent hand washing, and proper technique for respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette on a regular basis.</p> <p>Hygiene-related signage will continue to be prominent in the building.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Routine cleaning will continue as part of standard infection control practices.</p> <p>Disinfecting wipes and supplies will be made available for staff use in the classroom.</p> <p>All building HVAC systems will be regularly inspected and set to maximize airflow. Air filters will be changed as recommended, and where available, additional fresh air will be increased.</p>

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<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>CAS will implement any contact tracing, isolation, or quarantine directed by and in accordance with the PA Department of Health.</p> <p>CAS will maintain areas to isolate students who exhibit COVID-like symptoms.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>All staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves before leaving for work.</p> <p>All staff have been trained to look for appropriate signs to monitor symptoms and history of exposure.</p> <p>Staff and students who have symptoms, fever, or COVID-19 exposure will not be in the classroom.</p> <p>Staff must notify CAS if an absence is due to COVID-19 symptoms, a positive COVID-19 PCR test, or close contact with someone with COVID-19.</p> <p>CAS will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use if individuals become ill.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>All CAS staff were afforded the opportunity to receive the vaccination via our partnership with Keystone Health during the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>CAS will provide information to parents and families about vaccination opportunities in our community.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>CAS will follow all individualized education plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans and provide appropriate accommodations with respect to the health and safety of students with disabilities.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>CAS will continue to partner with state and local health officials including the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Keystone Health, regarding health and safety decisions.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **(INSERT NAME OF LEA)** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **(INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **(INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

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