

The School at McGuire Memorial Health and Safety Plan Six Month Review

2/1/2024

Health and Safety Plan Summary: The School at McGuire Memorial, Beaver County

Date of Current Review: 2/1/2024

Guidance used for current review:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/schools.aspx>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

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 will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines and utilize universal precautions to mitigate the spread of infectious disease. We will also continue to use individual air purifiers throughout the building. As per CDC, closing school and/or classrooms due to exposure is generally no longer necessary. Isolation is still required for individuals who test positive however, quarantine is NOT required for individuals who have been exposed and are symptom-free.

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 school will:

- **continue to monitor student progress**
- **maintain virtual platforms within the building**
- **monitor student and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs**
- **continue to provide food services and in-school nursing services**

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 <u>masks</u>;	Masks are required for staff for 10 days after exposure to COVID and through day 10 after isolating for a confirmed case. They are recommended for students if they are able to wear them.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Physical distancing is no longer required
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;	Appropriate and frequent handwashing will continue to be reinforced regardless of COVID status. Lessons on respiratory etiquette will continue to be implemented regardless of COVID status. Training for universal precautions will be provided to all staff and an emphasis on universal precautions will continue regardless of COVID status. Hand sanitizer, gloves and masks will continue to be available.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;	Staff will continue to clean materials and surfaces throughout the day as needed. Thorough daily cleaning and disinfecting of the facility will occur after school by a contracted service provider.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Contact tracing no longer required Isolation continues for confirmed cases. Quarantine no longer recommended for exposure.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Symptomatic staff will test on their own and report results to the chief school administrator.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;	Vaccinations are not addressed in the school setting and are longer required for new staff.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	The School at McGuire Memorial – Beaver County is a special education facility. Accommodations for our students have been considered and incorporated into all COVID policies and procedures.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Schools only need to work with state/local health officials during an outbreak.

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