

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Sharon City 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?

During the 2020-2021 school year the Sharon City School District developed an initial Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan that implemented various protocols and procedures which enabled the district to return to in-person instruction. Sharon City School District returned to in-person instruction for 5 days per week for all of the 2021-2022 school year. The District has been stalwart in its efforts to implement proven prevention and mitigation procedures which were and are in line with guidance from the CDC concerning the reopening and operations of in-person school facilities, and will continue to do so through the 2023-2024 school year.

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?

Students returned to in-person instruction for 2021-2022 and will continue for the start of the 2023-2024. The Sharon City School District has developed and established summer remediation programs to address student academic needs. The District has purchased SEL curriculum and professional development services and resources and has maintained the services of a crisis counselor to help support student and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs. Furthermore, the district continues to provide year-long breakfast and lunches, free of charge, to all students throughout the year and will continue this practice for 2023-2024.

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 <u>masks</u> ;	Concerning the reopening and operation of all facilities within the Sharon City School District for the 2023-2024 school year, the District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and

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	orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Regarding the modification of facilities or various means of ensuring physical distancing for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	<p>Regarding Handwashing and Respiratory etiquette for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Additionally, the District has developed hand-washing protocols and procedures that will be continued into the 2023-2024 school year. Handwashing will be emphasized and encouraged through all buildings and among all students and staff. Throughout the entrances at all buildings and in all high traffic hallways hand-sanitizers have been and will continue to be made available for students, staff, and visitors. Hand-sanitizers are also made available for students and staff at the entry/exit points of all classrooms and offices.</p> <p>Lastly, signage is also located within in highly visible locations in all buildings emphasizing and promoting handwashing, Cover when you cough, and the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, etc.</p>
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	<p>Concerning the cleaning and maintaining of healthy facilities for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For example, ensuring that all high touch surfaces are cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected multiple times per day.</p> <p>All maintenance and custodians have received training on implementing compliant</p>

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	<p>cleaning/disinfecting on all high-touch surfaces such as door handles, light switches, and desks. Additionally, faculty, staff, and administration will be provided disinfectant supplies and training to be used in classroom/offices throughout the school day.</p> <p>Lastly, the Sharon City School District is currently engaged in alteration and improvement projects or facility studies with respect to HVAC within multiple buildings.</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>Concerning Contact Tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>The Sharon City School District having provided in-person instruction throughout the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years established effective and efficient protocols, procedures, and designated responsible persons for contact tracing and isolation/quarantine monitoring as applicable per PA Commonwealth and CDC guidance.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Concerning Diagnostic and Screening Testing for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>All Sharon School District employees will be responsible for performing daily self-health checks prior to entering any of the school buildings. Any employee registering a temperature above 100.4 should not report to work.</p> <p>Additionally, all parents are asked to health check their children prior to sending them to school or utilizing school transportation. The District strongly encourages all parents to keep sick children at home.</p>

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	<p>Any and all students, faculty, administration, or staff member who becomes symptomatic during the school hours should immediately leave the classroom and report to the nurse's office. The nurse will then fully assess the individual and as the situation warrants, contact the parent or responsible family member to arrange transportation to leave the Sharon school building.</p> <p>The students, staff, or faculty member's desk area will then be sanitized prior to subsequent use.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>In an effort to provide vaccinations for the School Community for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>The Sharon City School District provided the opportunity during the 2020-2021 school year for all faculty, staff, administration, and associated school employees to receive the vaccination for the COVID-19 virus. During the 2021-2022 school year, the District provided vaccine clinics for students. The District will continue to provide information on vaccination sites to the Sharon School Community when these opportunities become available.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>To continue to ensure that appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies are met for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>The Sharon City School District will continue to establish and maintain communication all parents of students who are, or are thought to be, in need of unique safety protocols due to complex needs.</p> <p>Sharon City School District teams will work with parents and other members of a student's IEP or</p>

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	<p>504 Team, to create a plan that allows all students access to a Free and Appropriate Public Education.</p> <p>Additionally, the District will work with employees at high risk for severe illness and will accommodate, to the extent feasible, those employees' possible needs to return to in-person instruction.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>With respect to Coordinating with State and Local Health Officials for the 2023-2024 school year, the Sharon City School District will strive to comply with all guidance, directives, and orders extended by the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>The Sharon City School District has developed and established effective and efficient health official contacts at both the state and local levels and the District will continue to build upon these existing relationships for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Sharon City School District** reviewed and re-approved the Health and Safety Plan on January 16, 2024.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: January 16, 2024

By:


(Signature* of Board President)

Eric Wenger
(Print Name of Board President)

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

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