



# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.\* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: East Lycoming School District

**Initial Effective Date: July, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: August, 2023**

**Date of Last Revision: December, 2022**

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 East Lycoming School District is committed to safely providing in-person instruction for all students every day. The district will continue to monitor and consider, to the greatest extent possible, information provided by the Center for Disease Control and the PA Department of Health to mitigate and prevent the transition of infectious diseases and other illnesses that could interrupt in-person learning.

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 East Lycoming School District will use all available resources to ensure students maintain access to equitable school based 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. <b>Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b>	Face masks, for the prevention of illness, are optional.
b. <b>Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</b>	Based on CDC guidance, this is no longer applicable.
c. <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</b>	As part of daily operations, the district will always encourage healthy hygiene practices.
d. <b><u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>;</b>	As part of daily operations, the district practices mitigation of illness through regular cleaning and controlled ventilation strategies.

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<p>e. <b>Contact tracing in combination with <u>isolation and quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</b></p>	<p>Based on CDC guidance, this is no longer applicable.</p>
<p>f. <b><u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</b></p>	<p>The district does not use diagnostic or screening testing for COVID19.</p>
<p>g. <b>Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</b></p>	<p>For the health of all, the district encourages families to follow their doctor's advice for preventative vaccines.</p>
<p>h. <b>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</b></p>	<p>The district's health and safety guidelines and strategies are intended to ensure FAPE for all students.</p>
<p>i. <b>Coordination with state and local health officials.</b></p>	<p>The district maintains communications with all appropriate government agencies at the local, state, and federal level.</p>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for the East Lycoming School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 8, 2023.


The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: August 8, 2023

By:

  
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(Signature\* of Board President)

Richard Michael

(Print Name of Board President)