

# Bristol Borough School District

## Health and Safety Plan Summary

**Initial Effective Date:** Pending Board approval on August, 26, 2021

**Date of Last Review:** (INSERT DATE WHEN LAST REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD)

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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?

The Bristol Borough School District's Health and Safety Plan is informed by guidance from our federal, state, and local authorities. These include and are not limited to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), and the Bucks County Health Department (BCHD).

The Bristol Borough School District will continue to work in coordination with these agencies and our local partners to develop and refine expectations that meet all requirements based on community spread and other pertinent factors.

The Bucks IU will revise this plan as necessary, based on changing guidance at any of these levels, at the required frequency. Such changes will be communicated to all stakeholders.

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 Bristol Borough School District will provide in-person instruction during the 2021-2022 school year very similar to pre-pandemic conditions. The Bristol Borough School District Virtual Academy will be available to students who are unable to attend in-person school.

The Bristol Borough School District will maintain the ability to pivot to remote or hybrid instruction if local conditions warrant the need to change modes of instruction.

The Bristol Borough School District will continue to provide social, emotional, and mental health services and interventions for all students in the following ways:

- Implement an MTSS Academic/Social/Behavioral Support Model for grades K-5.

- Utilize the established PBIS system to support the MTSS model and establish a PBIS initiative at the middle school.
  - Initiate services through Family Services to bring school based family and individual counseling to students.
  - Increase social work and other supportive services such as speech, PT and OT.
  - Train all faculty in Mental Health First Aid.
  - Provide middle school students with access to NAMI counseling services and the CORE curriculum based on social emotional learning.
  - Utilize the K-12 SAP program to provide assistance for students in need.
  - Provide after school and summer sessions to mitigate learning loss.
  - Provide opportunities for middle and high school students to participate in credit recovery.
  - Continue to provide additional supports to meet the needs of special populations, through the IEP/504 process and/or through our multi-tiered system of support.
  - continue to provide training, time, support, and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for successful instruction via the Staff Developer/Instructional Coach Model.
  - Foster a culture of student-centered learning and best instructional practice through the AVID model for grades 7-12.
  - Continue to provide clear and accurate communication to all families and staff.
  - Continue to offer supports to staff through professional development and common planning time whenever feasible.
  - Utilize universal screeners and benchmarks to assess student progress and provide data informed instruction to meet the needs of all learners.
  - Implement new core reading and mathematics programs in grades K-8 with build in interventions and remediation strategies.
  - Implement new online programs for academic support in core areas.
  - Provide free lunch to all students through the SSO Program.
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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| <p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</p>   | <p>The Universal Masking Order issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health expired on June 28, 2021. As of that date, no federal, state or local health authority requires face coverings indoors or outdoors. Therefore, for all BBSD programming and events, face coverings will be optional for all individuals unless otherwise required by the host entity, or agency. In the event of an increase in the level of infection in the region or the severity of the pandemic in our district, or directives from the federal, state or local health organizations this guidance may be revisited. The district fully supports employees and families who want their children to wear masks during the school day.</p> |
| <p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p> | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments. Specifically, the Bristol Borough School District will continue to rely on the BCHD's, PDH's and the CDC's guidance to design safe instructional and work spaces for all individuals.</p> <p>Classroom spaces will be modified accordingly if there is a change in local, state or federal guidance.</p>  |
| <p>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>  | <p>All individuals will continue to be encouraged and reminded to sanitize or wash their hands on a frequent basis.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available in all common areas, hallways, and/or lobby areas where sinks for handwashing are not available, in order to encourage frequent use.</p> <p>The Bucks IU will continue to post signs in highly visible locations that promote everyday protective measures/hygiene and how to stop the spread of germs.</p>   |

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|   | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to include proper personal hygiene in program curricula.</p>  |
| <p>d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p>   | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to follow proper cleaning and sanitizing protocols following CDC, EPA, and manufacturer guidelines.</p> <p>Ventilation remains as a component of available strategies to clean and maintain healthy facilities.</p> <p>On-site maintenance staff will perform cleaning of high-touch items.</p> <p>Hand sanitizing stations have been installed and will continue to be maintained throughout key areas of the building.</p> <p>All cleaning products utilized are approved on the EPA COVID-19 approved sanitization products list, following the approved application standards. Additional cleaning/disinfecting products are available for staff use as needed - disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, hand soap, and paper towels.</p> |
| <p>e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p> | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to work in partnership with the BCHD for all COVID-19-related case investigation and contact tracing.</p> <p>Per the BCHD, beginning June 19, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BCHD will no longer require individuals to report positive COVID-19 test results or exposure to a positive case.</li> <li>• The BCHD will no longer require the Bristol Borough School District to report positive COVID-19 test results of individuals to the BCHD.</li> </ul>  |

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- 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 Bristol Borough School District 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 disease mitigation strategies (such as increased physical distancing, masking, etc.).
- The BCHD will no longer issue isolation or quarantine orders related to COVID-19.
- The BCHD will not require the Bristol Borough School District to notify close contacts of any positive case. As such, no notifications will be made.
- The BCHD will not require the Bristol Borough School District to notify any individual, classroom, school, or community of any positive case of COVID-19. As such, no such communications will be sent.

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| <p>f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>   | <p>The BC DoH is no longer offering free COVID-19 testing for students or school staff.</p> <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to educate all individuals on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Bristol Borough Nursing Staff will assess symptomatic students on an individual basis and advise parents accordingly.</p>  |
| <p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>                                    | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>  |
| <p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p> | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to meet those needs through the IEP/504 process and the multi-tiered, multi-domain system of support model. The Bristol Borough School District will continue to design and follow any individualized health and safety plan for the students we serve.</p> <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to train staff and contractors on Universal Precautions.</p> <p>The Bristol Borough School District will instead 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 or to work if they are not well or are experiencing symptoms that would cause them to seek medical attention.</p> <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p> |
| <p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>   | <p>The Bristol Borough School District will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality,</p>   |

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|                       | student-centered instructional environments. |

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## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Bristol Borough School District** 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:

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*(Signature\* of Board President)*

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*(Print Name of Board President)*

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