

# **Bristol Borough School District**

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary**

**Initial Effective Date: August, 26, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: August 26, 2021**

**Date of Last Revision: August 26, 2021**

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 Bristol Borough School District 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.

1. 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.
2. 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
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</p>	<p><b>Revised August 24, 2021:</b>  On Bristol Borough School District and BBSD-Contracted Vehicles: The CDC requires that passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in the CDC’s Order. A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the vehicle. As of August 17, 2021, the Bucks County Health Department supports masking on buses at the current time, subject to regular, ongoing review.</p> <p>In all other situations, including Bristol Borough School District classrooms and work locations: Masks are required for all individuals in all indoor Bristol Borough School District classrooms and work locations at the current time and subject to regular, ongoing review for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On August 17, 2021, the Bucks County Health Department issued updated guidance on masking to follow CDC guidance on masking in schools at the current time and subject to regular, ongoing review.</li> <li>• Per The BCHD on August 17, 2021, Bucks County is now considered to be an area of high transmission specific to COVID-19.</li> <li>• Federal and state health authorities recommend that the Bristol Borough School District implement a ‘mask required’ policy at the current time in alignment with CDC guidance for schools.</li> </ul> <p>The correct wearing of masks includes covering both the nose and the mouth.</p> <p>Masks are not required outdoors and remain optional. The Bristol Borough School District will continue to honor all approved mask exemptions.</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. Classroom spaces will be modified accordingly if there is a change in local, state or federal guidance. Current guidance recommends maintaining a distance of 3 feet between individuals whenever possible.</p>

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<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. 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> <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>Per BCHD guidance issued August 15, 17, &amp; 23, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Per the PADOH, schools should continue to work closely with BCHD to complete contact tracing for individuals diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19. As part of the contact tracing process, the PADOH and BCHD will continue to work with schools to gather information about potential close contacts.</li> </ul> <p>CDC guidance adds the following exception to the definition of close contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where:</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks; and other K–12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K–12 school setting.</li> <li>▪ This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.</li> <li>• Whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days as both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can transmit the virus during that time.</li> <li>• The Bristol Borough School District as recommended by BCHD, will urge parents to report their student’s confirmed case of COVID-19 to the school nurse or administration.</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul> <p><b>SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Per CDC guidance, individuals who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks or physically distance when participating in sports and extracurricular activities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> CDC recommends K-12 schools implement prevention strategies, including masking and physical distancing, during sports and extracurricular activities for participants who are not fully vaccinated.</li> <li>• The Bristol Borough School District will consult with the BCHD and CDC Guidance in the event of any public health-related questions or concerns for guidance.</li> <li>• Please Note: All processes and procedures are based upon evaluation and current conditions/circumstances and may be adjusted as necessary or as the result of new information.</li> </ul>
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bristol Borough School District will continue to require all visitors to participate in a symptom screening procedure upon entering a The Bristol Borough School District building.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Bristol Borough School District will continue to educate all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians) on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.</li> <li>● All students and parents/guardians are encouraged to perform a symptom screening before arriving at school or the bus stop each day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, are recommended to stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.</li> <li>● Students and staff are expected to report to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Bristol Borough School District will use the CDC guidance (BCHD where determined to be applicable) for students who become sick or report a new COVID case while at school.</li> <li>● The District will continue to share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep children home. BCHD and The Bristol Borough School District collaboration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Bristol Borough School District will work with BCHD for assistance, resources, and funding to support rapid testing protocols for symptomatic individuals to keep schools open</li> <li>● Please Note: All processes and procedures are based upon evaluation and current conditions/circumstances and may be adjusted as necessary or as the result of new information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>	<p>Per BCHD recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Bristol Borough School District will continue ongoing coordination with the BCHD, local pharmacies, and local physicians to host vaccination clinics in our schools and provide awareness of community-based vaccination opportunities for students and staff.</li> <li>● BCHD &amp; The Bristol Borough School District unequivocally recommends that everyone eligible get vaccinated because vaccines are safe, effective, and the best tool we have to mitigate COVID-19.</li> <li>● BCHD recommends that school districts consider mandating vaccination for all school staff and teachers, a position supported by National Education Association (NEA) and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) nationally.</li> <li>● Please Note: All processes and procedures are based upon evaluation and current conditions/circumstances and may be adjusted as necessary or as the result of new information</li> </ul>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health</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>

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and safety policies; and	<p>The Bristol Borough School District will provide additional considerations for students with disabilities, and health care needs as outlined in Section 2 of the Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.</p> <p>The Bristol Borough School District will continue to train staff and contractors on Universal Precautions.</p>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<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. As such, the Bristol Borough School District's administration and nursing staff will continue to attend meetings with BCHD officials and consult undated guidance from the CDC to determine changes to its Health and Safety Plan.</p>

**Additional Resources**

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans (also includes other resources used by :

- CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy
- PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19
- PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders
- PDE Accelerated Learning Thorough an Integrated System of Support
- PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania

## 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 **August 26, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**

Affirmed on: August 26, 2021

By:

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*(Signature\* of Board President)*

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*(Print Name of Board President)*

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