

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: Daniel Boone Area School District

**Initial Effective Date: July 27, 2021**

**Date of Last Revision: September 13, 2021**

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 health and safety of the Daniel Boone Area School District students and staff remains the top priority for the organization. The DBASD Leadership Team continue to take critical steps and make decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, the DBASD has identified organizational standards and expectations which outline the protocols expected of all staff members as the organization transitions forward. Protocols include the following:

- Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Optional use of face coverings / adherence to health and safety plan of locations served
- Cleaning and disinfecting one's workspace
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols to the maximum extent possible
- Staying informed of CDC's guidance relative to travel
- Monitoring communication and confidentiality
- Participating in required training (current employees as well as new hires as part of their onboarding process)
- Staying informed and maintaining best practices

Expectations are based on the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The leadership team will continue to monitor communications from governmental agencies. As conditions change related to COVID-19, protocols are subject to change.

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?

DBASD educational programs will continue to offer full in person instruction during the 2021-22 school year.

DBASD educational programs and services may shift between in-person and virtual depending on health circumstances as administration determines appropriate. The Pennsylvania Department of Health may also require this at times.

DBASD continues to make resources for employees available through its employee assistance provider, and online training system. The district continues to partner with the Pottstown Wellness Foundation to meet the needs of staff and students. The district will also be hiring a social worker to help students with mental health related issues surrounding the pandemic.

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> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school district will follow all Pennsylvania Department of Health Mandates in regards to Masking.</li> <li>• Per CDC Order under Section 361 of the Public health Service Act (42 U.S.C 264) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 70.2, 71.31(b), 71.32(b) requiring persons to wear masks/face coverings while on conveyances and at transportation hubs, employees and students are still required to wear masks/face coverings while utilizing District provided transportation.</li> <li>• Staff who travel to other locations to provide service must adhere to the Health and Safety Plan of the location of service.</li> </ul>

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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBASD will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC relative to physical distancing.</li> <li>• Secondary schools will continue with block scheduling which will help with cohorting students</li> <li>• Physical distancing will occur to the maximum extent feasible will continue to be recommended for indoor and outdoor spaces unless all parties are vaccinated</li> <li>• Plexiglass or plastic barriers will be placed at strategic locations such as nurses' offices</li> </ul>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectations related to handwashing and respiratory etiquette:</li> <li>• Protocols include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washing one's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds</li> <li>○ If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer)</li> <li>○ Avoid touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth</li> <li>○ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into one's elbow</li> <li>○ Increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBASD will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC related to cleaning.</li> <li>• Indoor Air Quality (<b>IAQ</b>) is one of the most important factors for the safety of all school buildings. IAQ at Daniel Boone Area School District is controlled through our Trane Tracer Ensemble and Summit Control Systems for</li> </ul>

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	<p>district buildings. The State of Pennsylvania recommends Indoor Air Quality is checked daily to meet the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers IAQ recommendations as determined Building Officials Code International (<b>BOCA</b>) and International Code Councils (<b>ICC</b>) recommendations and standards for building indoor air quality.</p> <p>The Daniel Boone Area School District utilizes these standards in monitoring our air exchange rates, to assure the exchange rate, temperatures, humidity, and other factors are controlled and meet or exceed the <b>ASHRAE</b> and <b>ICC</b> requirements for indoor air quality.</p> <p>Currently, the DBASD Facilities Department and our partners at Trane review our buildings settings daily to keep our air exchange rate at .40 which means we are changing the air in our building spaces at about 3 to 4 times per hour in each of our building spaces. The exchange rate along with proper building humidity and preventative maintenance procedures of our buildings equipment ensure that the Indoor Air Quality meets or exceeds <b>ASHRAE standard 62.2-2016</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases will continue to be implemented. Hand sanitizer and</li> </ul>

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	<p>cleaning materials will remain available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limiting shared materials and use of toys that cannot be easily cleaned will continue.</li> <li>• Additional cleaning and disinfecting measures / protocols may be required as deemed appropriate or directed by DOH depending on circumstances.</li> <li>• Busses will keep windows open to the extent feasible given the current weather conditions</li> <li>• Outdoor classes will be permitted when feasible</li> </ul>
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students or staff testing negative for COVID-19, may return to school when symptoms are no longer present for a minimum of 24 hours;</li> <li>• Students wearing a face covering/mask, within 3’ for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact tracing in the school, and unless they present symptoms these students will be allowed to remain in school;</li> <li>• Adult staff wearing a face covering/mask, within 6’ for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact tracing in the school, and unless they present symptoms these adult staff will be allowed to remain in school;</li> <li>• Students and staff, not wearing a face covering/mask (e.g. while eating lunch, while participating in indoor physical activity, etc.), within 6’ for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact</li> </ul>

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	tracing in the school, and will need to quarantine as per PAHAN & CDC recommendations.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are required to follow the recommendation of their attending physician and / or DOH directive(s) as it relates to diagnostic and screening testing.</li> <li>• Staff and families/students will be required to use the self-screening app daily to monitor for Covid-19 symptoms</li> </ul>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBASD continues to collaborate with local health care providers and epidemiologist leaders regarding targeted areas of need. The district may serve as a vaccination host site if called upon.</li> <li>• DBASD continues to communicate local vaccine opportunities available to staff and the community at large.</li> </ul>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be addressed through the IEP process.</li> <li>• Accommodations may include, but not limited to adapted service delivery models, (i.e. teleintervention, individualized services, when appropriate) and / or other health and safety precautions as outlined in an individualized health plan.</li> </ul>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBASD will continue to maintain existing partnerships with local and state agencies.</li> <li>• As with any communicable disease, the DBASD will contact the DOH to report a suspected or known case of COVID-19 and follow its guidance.</li> </ul>

The Daniel Boone Area School District solicited public comment in a public board meeting, and a survey, and a stakeholder meeting.

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **the Daniel Boone Area School District** has reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 26, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

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

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

Affirmed on: **June 17, 2021**

By:

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*(Signature\* of Board President)*

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*(Print Name of Board President)*

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