

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Belle Vernon Area School District

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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? Belle Vernon Area School District will monitor the latest recommendations from PDE, PADOH, and CDC and update their Health and Safety Plan as needed with any requirements. Board policies will be reviewed and adjusted as needed to assure compliance with the health and safety plan. The plan will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval when changes are necessary. Facilities and practices will be adapted to the extent possible to ensure that appropriate prevention and mitigation processes are followed. In addition to practicing standard preventative measures such as hand washing, cleaning practices, and the use of PPE when required, Belle Vernon Area School District will continue to practice standard mitigation efforts to include reducing close contact when feasible.

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? Educational models will be adapted to the needs of the students and as the situation may dictate. This may include the cyber instruction, in person, or a combination there of. Staff will monitor social, emotional, mental health and other needs of students and families through all models and refer any needs to appropriate personnel. Food services will be accessible to all no matter what instructional model they may utilize.
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
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;	The District will monitor current CDC/ PADOH guidelines requiring mask wearing and will react in timely fashion accordingly. The District will communicate CDC/PADOH recommendations and adhere to mandates as applicable.

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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Students are encouraged and welcome to attend school on a daily basis. The District will adhere to CDC/PADoH mandates regarding physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.</p>
<p>a. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as hand washing, covering coughs, and face coverings.</p> <p>Provide hand soap, hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol, cleaning wipes/ disinfectant spray, tissues, and paper towels in all classrooms and frequently trafficked areas.</p> <p>The District will communicate how to stop the spread of COVID-19 as well as inform stakeholders of symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, proper respiratory etiquette and school/district specific protocols.</p>
<p>a. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Daily cleaning of schools with soap and water, disinfectants and/or sanitizers to decrease the possibility of contamination. Additional cleaning to frequently touched surfaces and objects including door and sink handles.</p> <p>Follow standard protocols to clean surfaces that are not high touch.</p> <p>Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.</p> <p>If necessary, the use of additional cleaners and "misting agents" will also be used.</p>

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<p>a. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>The District will follow the recommended guidelines from CDC/PADoH on the reporting of positive cases in the school district. Only as necessary or required by CDC/PADoH will the District be actively involved in contact tracing.</p> <p>Students/staff who are directed by a medical professional to isolate or quarantine will remain at home and follow the direction of local health authorities and their family/primary care physician.</p> <p>Students/staff who test positive for COVID19 will be excluded from school/ work for 5 days. Upon return to school/ work, it is recommended that a mask be worn during days 6-10 following a positive test for COVID 19.</p> <p>The District will not exclude students who are direct contacts with positive cases unless otherwise directed by the CDC/ PADoH guidelines for symptomatic/ asymptomatic individuals.</p>
<p>a. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>Students/staff who present with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be screened by the school nurse and be provided with recommended follow up procedures.</p> <p>Share with parents a system for home/ self- screening and reporting procedures.</p> <p>Encourage staff to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home.</p>

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g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	Work with community health centers and hospitals to provide brochures and other information as to when and where staff and students can receive vaccinations at their sites.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Appropriate accommodations in compliance with federal and state laws (IEP's, 504 plans, etc) will be made for students with respect to health and safety and any additional procedures.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The Belle Vernon Area School District will work together with the PADOH and community health agencies to coordinate resources in accordance with our health and safety plan.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of School Directors for Belle Vernon Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 26, 2021, September 27, 2021, August 15, 2021, February 27, 2023 November 20, 2023.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: July 26, 2021, September 27, 2021, August 15, 2022, February 27, 2023. **November 20, 2023**


Joel Whiteko, Board President

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