

# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

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## Health and Safety Plan Summary: Bristol Township School District

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Introduction: Bristol Township School district operations will be implemented in the same manner as those in place prior to the pandemic; the exceptions will be fully described within this document. Bristol Township School District will be open all year for in-person instruction, five days a week, during the 2021-2022 school year. This plan reflects those components we will keep in place to promote general health and safety for all students, employees, and visitors as well as remaining compliant with national, state, and local health guidance.

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 school district implemented a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 school year using mitigation strategies supported by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Bucks County Health Department. These strategies were successful in supporting the larger public health initiative to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our district community, especially those at increased risk for severe illness. Further, our district supported and/or facilitated vaccination clinics for our teachers, staff, and students.

Our district will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Bucks County Health Department. This information will assist the district when reviewing our mitigation strategies for effectiveness. The guidance will also be used to revise our health and safety plan, as necessary. The chart below provides strategies, policies, and procedures to be used within the district.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the student's academic needs, and students and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Academically, the district expects a full return to in-person, face-to-face learning for the 2021-22 Academic Year. These interventions include our Cyber Academy (as per the MOU between Bristol Township School District and Bristol Township Education Association)

and/or the district’s fully online virtual option (Elementary Only when at least 15 students exist in one grade level).

A focus on social, emotional, and mental health interventions will continue in the district across all grade levels. Students will continue to have access to their school counselors as part of their school day at all grade levels. In our elementary schools, guidance lessons will continue to be a part of our students’ programming. The district will continue to monitor students’ needs when the school year begins. Professional development before the start of the 2021-22 school year, supports staff’s understanding of how to support students in their return to school. Through this professional development, all staff will be aware of how to support students during the transition back to school.

For the 2021-22 school year, our food services department will continue to provide free meals for students. Will be participating in the Summer Seamless Option (SSO) and provide free meals to all students who want to partake.

- 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><b>Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The district will follow recommendations and orders concerning face coverings that may be put in place by the health and/or government officials.</li> <li>“The Federal Order entered by the Center for Disease Control applies to all public transportation conveyances including school buses. Regardless of the mask policy at school, 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 CDC’s Order.</li> <li>As circumstances with the pandemic change, mask mandate procedures may be modified.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BTSD will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments. Specifically, BTSD will continue to rely on the Bucks County Health Department’s (BCHD) guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals.</li> <li>Students will be socially distanced as much as feasibly possible throughout the school day (transportation, classrooms, cafeteria, etc.).</li> <li>Teachers will continue utilizing seating charts</li> </ul>

	<p>to assist in the event to contact tracing is necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hallway signage will be utilized to increase physical distancing while students are moving throughout the hallway.</li> <li>● As circumstances with the pandemic change, physical/social distancing procedures may be modified.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u></b>;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The best practice encourages handwashing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snacks, transition back to class from being outside, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. The district will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices.</li> <li>● The district will continue to have available hand sanitizer in strategic locations of high-traffic areas.</li> <li>● The district will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u></b>;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The district utilizes EPA Approved Disinfectants for use against COVID 19, following the approved application standards. There will be routine cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, common areas, and office spaces.</li> <li>● If there is a case of COVID-19, cleaning and disinfecting of the area will take place.</li> <li>● The district will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible. The district will change filters regularly for these systems.</li> <li>● Additional cleaning/disinfecting products are available for staff use as needed - disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, hand soap, and paper towels.</li> <li>● Water fountains will not be used. Students may use water bottles from home and refill them at the water filling stations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The BTSD will continue to work in partnership with the BCHD for all COVID-19-related case investigations and contact tracing.</li> <li>● BTSD will report positive COVID-19 test results of individuals to the BCHD.</li> <li>● Staff should self-report positive cases to the</li> </ul>

	<p>Personnel Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents should report positive cases to their school nurse.</li> <li>● Isolation and quarantine timelines will be determined in coordination with the BCHD and local health officials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The BCHD will no longer issue a letter of isolation or quarantine orders related to COVID-19.</li> <li>○ In the event of a confirmed positive case, the building will send a notification to the parents/guardians of the students in the same classroom, bus, and/or extracurricular activity.</li> </ul> </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> <li>● The BTSD will consult with the BCHD in the event of any public health-related questions or concerns for guidance. This includes COVID-19.</li> <li>● The BCHD may recommend temporary disease mitigation strategies (such as increased physical distancing, Targeted Mitigation Masking, etc.).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The BTSD will 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/work if they are not well or are experiencing symptoms that would otherwise cause them to seek medical attention.</li> <li>● The BCHD is looking into the possibility of offering free COVID-19 testing for schools.</li> <li>● Currently, the BCHD recommends that the BTSD refer any individual in need of COVID-19 testing to a medical health provider.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BTSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination</li> </ul>

	<p>opportunities will be shared with the BTSD community. Local vaccination sites can be found at <a href="https://www.buckscounty.gov/1251/COVID-19-TestingVaccination-Information">https://www.buckscounty.gov/1251/COVID-19-TestingVaccination-Information</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All eligible individuals 12 years of age and older should get vaccinated.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTSD is a high-quality provider of services for individuals with disabilities. BTSD will continue to meet those needs through the IEP/504 process and the multi-tiered, multi-domain system of support model. BTSD will continue to design and follow any individualized health and safety plan for the students we serve.</li> <li>• BTSD will continue to train staff and contractors on Universal Precautions.</li> <li>• BTSD will 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. BTSD will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coordination with state and local health officials.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTSD will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments.</li> <li>• Specifically, BTSD will rely on local health authority guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces recommendations for all individuals.</li> <li>• BTSD will continue to facilitate ongoing forums for discussion and planning with federal, state, and local health authorities, and among local school entities.</li> </ul>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Bristol Township School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on September XX, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

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

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

Affirmed on: September XX, 2021

By:

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*(Signature\* of Board President)*

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*(Print Name of Board President)*

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