

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Wyomissing Area School District (WASD) Revised August 9, 2021, Revised February 28, 2022, Revised June 13, 2022, Revised January 23, 2023, Reviewed June 26, 2023, Reviewed January 22, 2024.

Initial Effective Date: July 30, 2021, Revised Effective Date January 23, 2023

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 WASD students, staff and visitors remains, as always, the top priority for the organization. The WASD Administration continues 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.

We will continue to consider the mandates and recommendations issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The WASD Administration will continue to monitor communications. 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?

WASD educational programs provide in-person instruction (5 days per week), pending any unexpected change in mandates from PDE / DOH.

We know that a small number of families may be interested in continuing a full virtual program for their student. Individuals interested in information should contact Dr. Melissa Woodard, Assistant Superintendent, by email at mwoodard@wyoarea.org or by phone, 610 374-0739 ext 1279.

While we plan for a full in-person instructional model there may be times when we must shift to a short term virtual model if warranted by current health conditions and/or through guidance provided by DOH.

WASD has multiple resources to support the social emotional needs of students. Parents/Guardians with questions or concerns related to their child's need should contact the school counselor for additional information and/or resources. Contact information for school counselors are as follows:

Mrs. Bridget, Mayberry, grades 10-12 (A-K); 610 374-0739 ext. 2118;
bmayberry@wyoarea.org

Mrs. Dana Quinlivan, grades 10-12 (L-Z); 610 374-0739 ext. 2129;
dquinlivan@wyoarea.org

Mr. David Skovera, grades 7-9 (A-K); 610 374-0739 ext. 2127; dskovera@wyoarea.org

Mrs. Regina Barletta, grades 7-9 (L-Z); 610 374-0739 ext. 2128;
rbarletta@wyoarea.org

Ms. Melissa Kramer (WREC); 610 374-0739 ext. 5208; mkramer@wyoarea.org

Mrs. Molly Cheslock (WHEC grades K-2); 610 374-0739 ext.
4205; mcheslock@wyoarea.org

Ms. Rebekah Stem (WHEC grades 3-4); 610 374-0739 ext. 4401; rstem@wyoarea.org

WASD provides breakfast and lunch for all interested students. Information can be found on our Food Services Department website at
https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/food_services

WASD has an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) which is available to all employees. Employees with questions regarding our EAP should contact Mrs. Deb Weise at dweise@wyoarea.org or 610 374-0739 ext. 1116.

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 masks;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On February 28, 2022 the Board of School Directors approved a Face Covering Chart which is attached to this document.• Masks will continue to be available at WASD buildings.• Signs will be posted to reinforce the status of face coverings.

b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);

- Full-time in-person instruction for grades K-12 has been identified as a key component to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Based on this priority, it is not feasible to provide 6-feet of physical distancing at all times for students.
- Building administration may implement and revise procedures to increase physical distancing in classrooms and other school settings.
- The Facilities Director, JSHS Administration and Athletic Director will work with WASD coaches and outside organizations that wish to use District facilities to share contents of this plan and ensure the identified practices of the plan are implemented or contained in submitted plans.
- Teachers of performing arts may have recommendations for face coverings/ shields for use during chorus, orchestra, band, theatre, etc. activities.
- WASD students and staff who travel for field trips, training or extra-curricular activities must follow the Health Plan strategies of the host facility or private transportation provider.

<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and employees will be encouraged to wash/sanitize hands frequently. • Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and other areas used by students. • Instruction will be provided to students and employees regarding best practices for covering a cough or sneeze.
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASD will continue to implement best practices developed in response to COVID-19 for keeping the workplace clean, disinfected, and safe for staff, students, and visitors. Additional cleaning and disinfecting measures / protocols may be required as deemed appropriate or directed by DOH depending on circumstances. • Staff will continue to be expected to adhere to appropriate personal protective equipment guidelines. • Cleaning materials including wipes and spray bottles will continue to be available in all rooms and offices. • Ventilation systems will continue to be run additional hours to provide additional fresh air. • The HVAC system will also be used to help filter the air in our buildings. • Students and staff will continue to be expected to share in the cleaning and disinfecting of shared equipment and / or furniture / items within one's office / classroom. • The Facilities Director will continue to use contracted services to support WASD custodial staff as needed to implement daily cleaning activities.

<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"> • The PA DOH considers COVID-19 a communicable disease. It is among DOH's list of reportable diseases. As such, WASD will follow Board policy related to communicable diseases (policy 203) • Parents/Guardians of students are required to immediately report to the school nurse if their child has been tested for COVID-19 and/or has been identified as positive for COVID-19. • Employees are required to report to their immediate supervisor if they have been tested for COVID-19 and/or have been identified as positive for COVID-19. • The Director of Pupil Services, in collaboration with WASD School Nurses and DOH, is authorized to restrict individuals from attending school/work and is authorized to assign quarantine to individuals as needed. • The Director of Pupil Services and WASD School Nurses will work with employees, parents/guardians, medical personnel and DOH to follow DOH guidance regarding restriction or quarantine.
<p><u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASD will continue to collaborate with DOH and PDE to review and consider the statewide effort to provide diagnostic screening and COVID-19 testing within the school setting. • Students and employees are required to follow the recommendation of their attending physician and / or DOH directive(s) as it relates to diagnostic and screening testing, AND complete any/all return to school / work protocols assigned by the WASD School Nurses or Director of Pupil Services , who will be working in collaboration with the DOH.

<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASD will continue to communicate about and support local vaccine opportunities available to students, employees and the community at large. • WASD will maintain and update information regarding local providers on the WASD website https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/health_services/vaccine_opportunities • WASD is not requiring vaccination for students, employees or visitors.
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEPs or 504 Service Plans can be developed/revised in collaboration to provide health and safety provisions for students with specific health needs.
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASD will continue to monitor new information/requirements issued by the Pennsylvania DOH. • WASD will continue to meet with BCIU and officials from surrounding school districts to strengthen communications and opportunities for collaboration.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of School Directors for **the Wyomissing Area School District** reviewed and approved the revised Health and Safety Plan on August 9, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes - 9**

_____ **No - 0**

Affirmed on: August 9, 2021

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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Face Covering Chart

	Low	Medium	High
Face Coverings K-6*	Optional	Recommended	Required
Face Coverings 7-12*	Optional	Recommended	Required

- Students, employees, and visitors would follow building directions while inside WASD buildings and while using District transportation services.