



# **Wilson School District**

Health and Safety Plan 2021-22  
WSD Board Meeting, June 21, 2021



# Planning Using Multiple Sources of Evidence

- The District's original Health and Safety Plan was developed by a team consisting of teachers, nurses, medical professionals, parents, administrators, and other staff.
- The plan incorporated data from a survey sent to families in June of 2020, as well as planning guides from numerous state and federal groups including the PA Department of Education, the CDC, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- The plan was designed to be flexible and provided our district the opportunity adjust or shift at any time.

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



- Must be submitted to PDE by July 30th
  - For districts that received Title 1A funds in 2020–21 and who plan to apply for ARP/ESSER Grant Funds
- Customized to meet local needs/contexts
- Reviewed and Revised if necessary at least every 6 months
- Revised if CDC makes significant changes to school recommendations

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



## ■ PDE Required Components:

- How will the LEA implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with CDC guidance?
- How will the LEA ensure continuity of services (academics, mental health, social emotional, etc.)
- How will the LEA maintain the health and safety of students and educators by addressing the following strategies:
  - Masks, physical distancing, hygiene, cleaning, contact tracing, quarantining, testing, vaccinations, accommodations and coordination with state and local officials

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



How will the LEA implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with CDC guidance?

- CDC and PA DOH Guidelines were used to establish the plan for the 2020–21 School Year
- New plan reviews the strategies from the initial plan and identifies those practices that were both ***practical*** and ***effective***

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



How will the LEA ensure continuity of services (academics, mental health, social emotional, etc.)?

- By offering full in-person instruction, providing consistent access for all students to the full complement of district programs and services
- Continue to utilize materials and equipment secured through last year's reopening plan, both in facilities management and instructional delivery
- Continue to utilize expanded funding through ESSER and the USDA to ensure students have access to the programs and services they need

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



How will the LEA maintain the health and safety of students and educators by addressing the following strategies?:

## Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

- **As of June 28, Universal Masking order will be lifted in PA regardless of vaccination status**
- **District *recommends* face coverings for unvaccinated students/staff when physical distancing is not possible (optional)**
- Follow the current Governor's Order regarding masking for individuals based on vaccination status

## Modifications to Facilities for Physical Distancing

- **Encourage 3-6 feet of distance between individuals whenever possible**
- Use of plexiglass barriers in public spaces and 1:1 or small group instructional spaces
- **Modifications to schedules, staggered dismissal times, reduced class sizes, open HS campus, limit small group instruction in close quarters when possible**
- Use of cafeterias for lunch with reductions in large group sizes and addition of outdoor spaces when possible

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



How will the LEA maintain the health and safety of students and educators by addressing the following strategies?:

## Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

- **Students and staff encouraged and reminded to wash hands frequently (signage throughout buildings and in common spaces)**
- Hand sanitizer stations positioned throughout buildings and classrooms
- Teach/remind students of cough/sneeze etiquette

## Cleaning and Sanitization

- **Maintain increased frequency of cleaning routines in building spaces (high touch areas)**, transportation/vehicles and kitchen areas
- Sanitization of learning spaces w/ disinfectant wipes
- Filter changes in ventilation systems to exceed normal operating guidelines; ensure max capacity operation



# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



How will the LEA maintain the health and safety of students and educators by addressing the following strategies?:

## Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine

- **Continue utilizing temperature check process upon arrival**
- Educate and encourage families regarding symptom screening
- **Follow required reporting process for all communicable diseases when a positive case is identified**
  - The district will follow DOH guidance following the reporting of a COVID-19 case, similar to the process employed for any communicable disease.

## Diagnostic Screening and Testing

- **The district will continue to communicate with DOH regarding statewide efforts to provide diagnostic screening and COVID-19 testing within the school setting.**
- Students and staff who exhibit COVID-19 related symptoms will be referred to their primary care physician or to local providers for rapid testing.
- Return to school protocols for students who have tested positive, demonstrate COVID-19 symptoms, or who are awaiting test results will continue to be followed.

# New Plan Requirements – 2021–22 School Year



How will the LEA maintain the health and safety of students and educators by addressing the following strategies?:

## Efforts to Provide Vaccines to School Community

- **The district will maintain close communication with community partners who can provide updated information on vaccine distribution efforts in the county.**
- The district will provide notifications to the school community regarding vaccination clinics and updated options for families

## Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

- All staff and students will be expected to follow current CDC and PA DOH guidelines for masks, social distancing, and proper hygiene practices.
- **Universal protocols will be implemented to ensure safety Offer alternative options as needed, and relaxed requirements for students who cannot fully follow guidelines.**

## Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

- The district will continue to **maintain close communication and coordination with officials at the BCIU and state Department of Health** for any changes or updates to requirements and recommendations.

# Next Steps – 2021-22 Health and Safety Plan



- June 22, 2021 – Full Draft of the planning document shared with community and on district website
  - Community feedback sought through survey tool
- July 21, 2021 – Finalized plan included on Board Agenda for Approval
- July 30, 2021 – Finalized plan submitted to PDE through eGrants portal