Health and Safety Plan Summary:
Bloomsburg Area School District

Initial Effective Date: 7/19/2021

Date of Last Review: 2/7/2022

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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?**

As indicated by PDE in a 7/9/21 update to their web site, "Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority." In order provide a safe environment for students and staff, Bloomsburg Area School District will implement the following measures for the 2021-2022 school year:

➢ Bloomsburg Area School District will continue to monitor levels of transmission of COVID-19 in Columbia County, and also information shared from the CDC, DOH, and PDE.

➢ As we do each summer, all school buildings are undergoing a deep cleaning over the summer months. This includes sanitizing and disinfecting in each room.

➢ We continue to use MERV-8 filters for our uni-vents in order to promote proper ventilation. Ventilation is being monitored by the operations coordinator checking the Siemens Insight and Desigo CC programs each day. Any anomaly with ventilation, heating/cooling, or humidity levels is promptly shared with maintenance staff for inspection. If maintenance staff is unable to resolve the issue, the operations coordinator will then place a work request with Siemens.

➢ We have designated our custodial coordinator as the point of contact for PPE and disinfecting supplies (including ReJuvNal, QT3, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content, disposable masks, and disposable gloves). Our custodial coordinator will monitor these and make sure they are ordered as needed. As staff need more supplies for their classrooms, they will enter maintenance work orders into SchoolDude, our workflow management software.

➢ Should a room need to be closed due to COVID-19, that room shall be locked and closed off to all individuals for at least 24 hours. After the 24-hour period, custodial staff will properly disinfect the room using ReJuvNal, and will follow proper protocol as outlined by the CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html).

➢ First-shift custodians will disinfect bathrooms and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day. All staff have access to disinfecting wipes to use in their classrooms as needed.

➢ As currently required by federal law, all transportation providers, students, and staff who utilize district-provided transportation such as buses and vans must wear a mask, regardless of if they are vaccinated.

➢ The district will encourage students and staff who are sick to remain home.

➢ The district will work with the DOH to track students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 and monitor those who are in quarantine.

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?**

Should the district need to close school due to a high number of positive COVID-19 cases, it will continue to offer lunch to students as needed. Technology devices are available should we need to go virtual, and remediation will be available for students as needed. For families with concerns about their children attending school in person, we will continue to offer the Bloomsburg Blended program.

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;	Beginning February 9, 2022, the district will recommend that all students and staff continue to wear masks; however, mask wearing will become optional. Nevertheless, due to an increase in COVID positive cases within the school district, number of quarantined students and/or continued

	substantial rate of transmission in Columbia County, the district reserves the right to temporarily require masks. The District would monitor the positive percentage rate of students per building. If a single building is to reach 5% COVID positive of the population, an investigation would occur to determine whether or not a building would need to temporarily mask for 5 days. If temporary masking would go into effect, families will be notified via automated phone call and students/staff will be expected to abide by the district's health and safety measures.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The district will promote physical distancing to the greatest extent possible when students are indoors.

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c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	Handwashing and use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	Cleaning and disinfecting will occur at all buildings on a daily basis. Uni-vent filters will be changed biannually.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Beginning on February 9, 2022, the Bloomsburg Area School district will begin conducting contact tracing only for symptomatic or shared-household contacts of reported positive COVID cases. Only students who become symptomatic or share residence, either full- or part-time and cannot separate from positive individuals will be quarantined. Fully vaccinated and boosted students will not need to quarantine.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Symptom screening should be conducted by parents/guardians before students arrive at school each day. Parents should not send students to school if they are displaying potential COVID-19-related symptoms or if they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Staff should follow these procedures as well.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	Information about vaccination opportunities will be shared on the district's web site.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	The district will ensure that IEPs are followed.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The district will work with the DOH to report positive COVID-19 cases of which it is aware.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Bloomsburg Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **7 February 2022.**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

   5   **Yes**

   3   **No**

Affirmed on: **(2/8/2022)**

By:

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(*Signature* of Board President*)

Stephanie Andreacci
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(*Print Name of Board President*)

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