

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Hanover Area School District

Initial Effective Date: July 1, 2021

Date of Last Review: June 28, 2021

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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?

The Hanover Area School District will continue to implement the best practice and most current mitigation strategies used throughout the pandemic. We will regularly monitor the transmission rates in the county and district. This data will be utilized to determine the effectiveness of our efforts and to determine when our plan needs to be adapted to better serve our community. The district will remain in close contact with the Luzerne County Department of Health. We will implement any mandates or guidance that the PADOH and the CDC put forth. As prevention and mitigation procedures evolve, they will be addressed by the Hanover Area Pandemic Safety Committee and recommendations and changes will be brought to our School Board for a formal vote to update this plan.

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?

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Hanover Area School District purchased chromebooks to implement a 1:1 initiative from grades K-12. The instructional delivery method utilized this year will continue to be tailored to our population's needs and will be utilized again in the 2021-2022 school year. It is Hanover Area's intention to return to a full in person instructional model at the start of the school year. The virtual platform utilized last year will allow us the ability to quickly and seamlessly transition to an all online model of education delivery should the need arise. We communicate all pertinent to our community via, Onecall phone messages, Remind text messages, District social media posts, and Posts in Google classroom. We will continue to do so.

We have implemented several summer camps this year that address ELA, Math, STEM and physical activity in an effort to provide remediation and enrichment to the students in need in grades K-5. We have also offered free summer school credit recovery to those students in grades 6-12 this year.

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the Hanover Area SD will have a School & Community Based Behavioral Health Team which will help us address the mental health needs of our students. We also have a full time school psychologist and a licensed social worker employed in the district. The district has begun the process of training staff on Trauma Informed care. We have established a trauma team and safe trauma space. The district held an inservice in May 2021 in conjunction with Marley's Mission to address staff mental health and self care. We will continue to promote the mental health and wellness of both staff and students.

Hanover Area partners with the United Way on many projects that help provide necessary supplies and care for our students. We currently have the Nurse's Pantry to provide clothing, toiletries, hygiene products and cleaning supplies to students and families that are struggling. We are also partnering with the United Way in their Sight to See program. This program will assist students in need of eye exams and glasses to receive services, prescriptions, and glasses at no cost to students with a financial need. All students in the Hanover Area School District currently receive free lunches. We had six sites throughout the community to offer free breakfasts and lunches to all our students throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year and we are prepared to resume this should the buildings need to close again. Additionally, the district partners with CEO to offer regular food pantry distribution to district families.

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
<p>a. <u>Universal and correct wearing of masks;</u></p>	<p>All unvaccinated students and staff will be required to wear a mask at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The district will suspend the mask requirement if a 70% vaccination rate is reached in our school population. If the PADOH or CDC puts forth any recommendations or mandates, the district will adhere to them to the greatest, practical extent.</p>
<p>b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</u></p>	<p>The district will comply with all PADOH and CDC recommendations to the greatest, practical extent. We will continue to utilize our individual student trifold barriers for class and lunch times. We will put practices in place to encourage social distancing during recess time when feasible.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></p>	<p>The district has placed hand washing and respiratory etiquette signage in all district bathrooms. We will continue to follow all</p>

	<p>recommendations of the PADOH and CDC. Nursing staff in each building will continue to teach and reinforce these practices.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></p>	<p>The Hanover Area School District maintenance staff will continue to clean and sanitize all classrooms, offices, buses, and common areas daily adhering to PADOH and CDC guidelines. Deep cleanings will be conducted on regularly scheduled days and as needed.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</u></p>	<p>Hanover Area will continue to conduct contact tracing and implement isolation and quarantine as needed in conjunction with the guidelines set forth by the PADOH.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u></p>	<p>Hanover Area does not intend to perform diagnostic testing at this time. All staff, students and visitors are instructed to self-report S/S of illness and remain home until cleared by a medical professional to return.</p>
<p>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u></p>	<p>The Hanover Area School District has partnered with Walmart Pharmacy, Pediatric Associates of Kingston, and the Wilkes Barre Health Department to provide onsite clinics and off site appointments for Covid vaccine. In addition to those efforts, the district has gone through the process of becoming a Covid vaccine provider in its own right and has held its own onsite clinics to vaccinate any community members in need. We will continue to offer this service through the 2021-2022 school year.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Hanover Area will continue to provide any necessary accommodations for students or staff with disabilities as they pertain to the health and safety of our entire community.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Hanover Area has a longstanding relationship of mutual respect with the Luzerne County Health Department. We are committed to working with the PDE and PADOH to implement their guidance and mandates in an effort to provide the safest environment for students to succeed.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

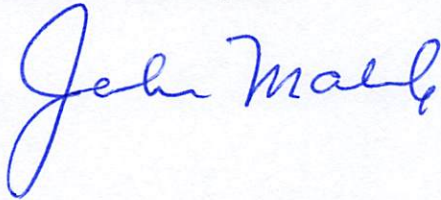
The Board of Directors/Trustees for Hanover Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on June 28, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: June 28, 2021

By: 

(Signature of Board President)*

Mr. John Mahle

(Print Name of Board President)

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