

Conemaugh Township Area SD (CTASD) 2023-24 Health and Safety Plan

Initial Effective Date: *July 21, 2021*

Date of Last Review: *February 21, 2023*

Date of Last Revision: *January 16, 2024*

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 Conemaugh Township Area School District (CTASD) and the staff and students remains the top priority for the organization. The CTASD Leadership Team and Board of School Directors will continue to take critical steps in making decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the summer months, cleaning and disinfecting of all areas of school buildings, grounds, and buses will be performed. These practices will prepare the school environment for a safe return of the students and staff. Cleaning supplies and equipment will be purchased for disinfecting against the COVID-19 virus. Cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols will be implemented daily and will include evening cleaning and regular disinfecting of all classrooms and common areas.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, the CTASD has identified organizational standards and expectations which outline the protocols expected of all staff members as the organization transitions forward. Protocols include but are not limited to the following:

- Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Optional use of face coverings unless mandated by government orders.
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols to the maximum extent feasible
- Staying informed of CDC's guidance relative to travel
- Participating in required training
- Staying informed and maintaining best practices

These expectations are based on the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC). The CTASD Leadership Team 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?

The CTASD plans to open/continue the school year under pre-pandemic operating and educational conditions. The CTASD Leadership Team and Board of School Directors will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions and follow any directives/orders of the Governor, State Legislature, PA DOH or CDC.

3. The table below explains how the CTASD 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 ;	As of June 28, 2021, face coverings will be optional for all individuals; staff, students, parents, and visitors, unless otherwise directed/ordered by the Governor, State Legislature or PA DOH.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The CTASD plans to open/continue the school year under normal operating conditions unless otherwise directed/ordered by the Governor, State Legislature or PA DOH.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	<p>The CTASD plans to open/continue the school year under normal operating conditions unless otherwise directed/ordered by the Governor, State Legislature or PA DOH.</p> <p>Protocols include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If soap and water are not available, using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer) • Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth • Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into one's elbow • Increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>CTASD is committed to continuing the best practices developed in response to COVID-19 for keeping the workplace clean, disinfected, and safe for staff, students, and visitors.</p> <p>The use of universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases will continue to be implemented. Hand sanitizer and cleaning materials will remain available.</p> <p>Additional cleaning and disinfecting measures / protocols may be required as deemed appropriate or directed by DOH depending on circumstances.</p>
<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>	<p>The CTASD plans to open/continue the school year under normal operating conditions however, the CTASD will continue to follow the protocols that are directed/ordered by the Governor, State Legislature or PA DOH.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>The CTASD plans to open/continue the school year under normal operating</p>

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<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>The CTASD will continue to collaborate with local health care providers and epidemiologist leaders regarding targeted areas of needs and will continue to serve as a vaccination host site if called upon.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be addressed through the IEP process.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The CTASD plans to open/continue the school year under normal operating conditions however, the CTASD will continue to follow the protocols that are directed/ordered by the Governor, State Legislature or PA DOH.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for **the Conemaugh Township Area School District** reviewed the Health and Safety Plan on *January 16, 2024*.

Affirmed on: *January 16, 2024*

By:



(Signature of Board President)

Susan Saylor-Stahl

(Print Name of Board President)

