



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Clarion County Career Center 24/25

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. Diagnostic and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to school communities;
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Clarion County Career Center

Initial Effective Date: July 26, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 26, 2021, January 24, 2022, July 25, 2022, January 23, 2023, June 26, 2023, December 19, 2023, June 6, 2024

Date of Last Revision: July 26, 2021, January 24, 2022, July 25, 2022, June 26, 2023, December 19, 2023, June 6, 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?

Clarion County Career Center will continue to follow mandates by Department of Health (DOH), PA Department of Education (PDE), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) related to COVID-19 mitigation within a school. The Career Center will continually monitor for changes to mandates and guidance from DOH, PDE, and CDC and update the health and safety plan accordingly.

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?

Clarion County Career Center will provide in-person instruction to students unless DOH or PDE mandates a closure or alternative instructional model. In the event of a school or classroom closure, a virtual/remote instructional model will be provided to all students. Students, who are quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19 may choose to participate in a virtual/remote instructional model. Instructional materials may be accessed via the internet using personal devices or devices provided by the Career Center or sending school. Printed instructional materials will be provided to students who request this method of instruction. Jump drives with instructional materials will also be available by student request. Instructors, instructional aides, and the Student Services Director will provide academic assistance and IEP accommodations through phone calls, Zoom or Google Meets. Students in need of social, emotional, and emotional health assistance will be referred to the sending school's SAP programs; Career Center staff will communicate these needs and any other concerns to the Career Center's Student Services Director and the sending school guidance department.

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 <u>masks</u> ;	Clarion County Career Center will follow mandates by Department of Health, PA Department of Education, and the CDC as it relates to face coverings.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Clarion County Career Center will social distance to the maximum extent possible when mandated by PDE, DOH, and CDC.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	<p>Proper handwashing and hand hygiene will be encouraged for all students, staff and visitors in addition to proper respiratory etiquette.</p> <p>Classrooms, shops, and common areas are equipped with hand sanitizers in addition to sinks for handwashing.</p>
d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u> ;	<p>Classrooms and common areas will be cleaned/disinfected on a daily basis, at a minimum.</p> <p>Scheduled air exchanges will occur throughout the day.</p>
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation and quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Clarion County Career Center will continue to cooperate with the Department of Health in response to potential and identified COVID-19 cases related to contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine practices. PA Department of Health HAN (Health Alert Network) alerts related to isolation and quarantine guidelines will be followed.
f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u> ;	<p>Staff, students & parent/guardians will have access to educational materials related to the symptoms of COVID-19 and will be asked to stay home if they are sick/have symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, are taking fever-reducing medications, or who are sick are asked to stay home and contact their healthcare provider for guidance.</p> <p>Anyone within the school who becomes sick or begins to have COVID-19 symptoms will be referred to the school nurse for evaluation and sent home as appropriate</p>

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	A student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 is asked to stay home and guidelines per DOH and their healthcare provider.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	<p>Clarion County Career Center encourages each staff member, student, and parent/guardian to consult with their physician regarding the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p> <p>The Career Center will assist staff, students, and parents/guardians in finding a vaccination site upon request.</p>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities will be evaluated on an individual basis and a health and safety plan developed and implemented to meet the needs of the student.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Clarion County Career Center will continue to work with the DOH and follow mandates as set by PDE, DOH, and the CDC.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Clarion County Career Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **Monday, June 24, 2024**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **Monday, June 24, 2024**

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.

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

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June 6, 2024