



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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: **Pressley Ridge Schools**

Initial Effective Date: **8/30/2021**

Date of Last Review: **8/27/2021**

Date of Last Revision: **8/26/2021**

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?

Pressley Ridge Schools will review updates from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) monthly regarding guidance on how to maintain a healthy and safe school environment for in-person learning. Updates to plan guidance will be made in accordance with the current. If changes are necessary, we will update our plan as needed. At a minimum, the Health and Safety Plan will be reviewed at least every six months. Pressley Ridge Schools will adhere to any orders from the PA Department of Health.

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?

Pressley Ridge Schools will continue to offer all academic and IEP services to all students for the entire school year.

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
Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	<p>Staff are required to wear masks while interacting with students or colleagues and in any common areas.</p> <p>Students are expected to wear masks in all group settings and common areas but due to developmental level or sensory issues, some students will not be able to effectively utilize masks. Those identified students have a mask exemption documented in their IEPs.</p>

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	<p>If a mask is removed for eating or drinking, follow donning and doffing procedure to limit contamination: When eating, remove mask completely (don't tuck under chin). Wash hands prior to removing mask, again before putting back on, then again after it is on. Mask can be set down on a clean napkin next to the individual who is eating.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Pressley Ridge Schools serve up to 12 students in a classroom and interaction with other classrooms is limited.</p> <p>Students & classroom staff remain with their classroom group all day, including for meals and exercise.</p> <p>Outdoor spaces will be used for physical educations and recess weather permitting.</p> <p>In each classroom and space used by students, Pressley Ridge schools will space out 3 to 6 feet between student desks/seating and will implement other social distancing practices to the maximum extent feasible and appropriate.</p> <p>Some students who require one to one support will have identified staff with whom they engage in close contact in order to implement their IEP services.</p> <p>Pressley Ridge schools is restricting in person gatherings, events, and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Unless otherwise indicated by a student's IEP or communication needs, students' desks face in the same direction or have students sit on only one side of tables, spaced apart</p> <p>Boxed or bagged lunches are delivered to and consumed in each classroom. Disposable utensils are used.</p> <p>The majority of items are used only by one student.</p>

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	<p>For items that need to be shared, staff disinfect items between use.</p> <p>Each students' belongings are kept separately from other students' belongings.</p> <p>Pressley Ridge schools will continue to develop and implement staggered arrival and dismissal schedules on each campus through collaboration with LEAs, families, and residential providers.</p>
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	<p>Staff members and students wash their hands regularly throughout each day and have available hand sanitizer.</p> <p>Signs are posted at all entrances, in common areas, in rest rooms, and in classrooms regarding protective measures including handwashing, social distancing, and the use of masks.</p> <p>Respiratory etiquette is taught to all students.</p>
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	<p>Each building will be sanitized/cleaned throughout the school day as well as thoroughly cleaned by a cleaning service after hours each school day.</p> <p>Each building has purchased and will continue to purchase disinfection supplies.</p> <p>Frequently touched locations in common areas will be cleaned hourly including counters, microwave, and sinks as they are used.</p> <p>Bathrooms: all sink knobs and sink surfaces, toilet flush handles, toilet seats, doorknobs, cabinet handles, and light switches after each use.</p> <p>Bodily Fluids: Any surfaces that have come into contact with saliva or other bodily fluids must be immediately disinfected.</p> <p>All staff will be trained at the start of the school year. Ongoing observation and consultation will be provided by the Program Directors and</p>

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	<p>Safety Committee members.</p> <p>On each campus and in each building, the maintenance department will check and provide ongoing monitoring of the ventilation systems. Additionally, air purifiers were purchased and are utilized in some situations.</p> <p>All staff take part in cleaning and disinfecting. Checklists are implemented for all areas to assure the scheduled cleaning is completed.</p> <p>Common areas (entry ways, hallways, shared office/copy rooms, stairways): Door handles and knobs both inside and out, railings, light switches, copy machines all cleaned regularly throughout the day</p> <p>Classrooms: All tables and chairs used by staff and clients, doorknobs and handles, cabinet handles, countertop surfaces. This is conducted before student arrival, before and after meals, after dismissal as well as periodically throughout the school day</p> <p>Food/meal prep, delivery, and/or consumption: Staff must wear gloves and mask and wipe down areas of contact after</p>
<p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>PR schools will establish and maintain communication with county departments of health and PA state authorities to determine current mitigation levels in our communities</p> <p>PR Schools will notify any identified direct contracts that occurred on our campuses and will share the direct contact information with county and state health departments.</p> <p>Pressley Ridge Procedures: An employee has tested positive for COVID-19 AND had symptoms the employee will isolate from work locations and/or Pressley Ridge staff until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared; AND

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication; AND - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation) <p>An employee is sick & has symptoms of COVID-19</p> <p>Even if the employee tests negative for COVID, an Employee will isolate from work locations and/or Pressley Ridge staff until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been at least 7 days since the onset of symptoms; AND - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND - At least 72 hours since the employee's symptoms have resolved. - A doctor's note may be provided for consideration of an earlier return to work <p>An employee is not sick, but was in contact with someone who has COVID-19 or is symptomatic</p> <p>If the employee is not fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People who have had COVID-19 within the past three (3) months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms. - If they have not had COVID within the past three (3) months, when possible, the employee will not report to campus for 14 days after last interaction with symptomatic individual(s). <p>If the employee is fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms and get tested within 3-5 days after exposure and report any updates to your Supervisor. - If no symptoms arise, then you are permitted to continue working.

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f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	<p>Staff will prescreen daily before reporting to work using the most current Pressley Ridge COVID Screener</p> <p>Staff with symptoms will not report to work and will follow the Pressley Ridge protocols regarding isolation.</p> <p>Any staff with presumed or confirmed case will report this to their supervisor within 1 hour.</p> <p>Families or residential staff will prescreen students daily prior to school</p> <p>Upon arrival to each building, students will have their temperature checked and those who are able to communicate their responses will confirm that they responded no to each screening question. For students unable to respond to questions, school staff will rely on parents or residential staff to respond to the questions based on their observations</p> <p>The most up to date COVID 19 Health Screening Questions developed by Pressley Ridge will be used.</p> <p>If a student is screened at arrival and has a yes response to a screener question or develops symptoms during the day, they are isolated in a designated room. A parent/guardian or residential staff will be contacted to pick up the student.</p> <p>In the event that a family does not have transportation, designated staff will transport the student home in a Pressley Ridge van. After use the van will be sanitized</p> <p>Students will be permitted to return to school when they are confirmed negative or 72 hours after complete resolution of symptoms, whichever occur later, as confirmed by a doctor's excuse.</p>
orts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	<p>Pressley Ridge Schools has shared information regarding vaccination locations and providers with staff members and worked in collaboration with several providers to assist staff members in securing appointments.</p>

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	<p>PR Schools continue to share resources and information with staff and will share information regarding boosters as it becomes available. PR Schools will continue to share information with families.</p> <p>Pressley Ridge is exploring the possibility of hosting vaccination clinics on site.</p>
<p>appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>All instructional staff are placed according to student needs</p> <p>For students who require 1:1 support, up to and including hand over hand prompting, staff will be closer than 3 feet to provide the needed services</p> <p>Staff assigned to students with complex medical needs will be provided with additional PPE to be utilized in situations that require close contact such as assistance with toileting or feeding (gloves, gowns, face shields and/or goggles) as well as partitions</p> <p>Students are expected to wear masks in all group settings and common areas but due to developmental level or sensory issues, some students will be not able to effectively utilize masks. Those identified students have a mask exemption documented in their IEPs</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>PR schools will maintain communication with county departments of health and PA state authorities to determine current mitigation levels in our communities and to report any positive cases within their locations</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Pressley Ridge Schools reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 30, 2021.

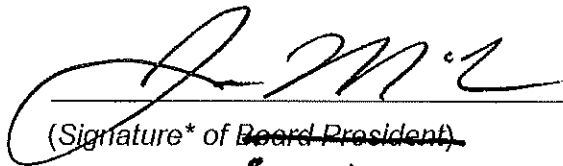
The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ Yes

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Affirmed on: August 30, 2021

By:



(Signature* of ~~Board President~~)

Executive Director of WPA

Jesse McLean

(Print Name of ~~Board President~~)

Executive Director of WPA.

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