

Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Initial Effective Date: **February 15, 2022**

Date of Last Review: **February 14, 2022**

Date of Last Revision: **February 14, 2022**

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?

During the 2020-21 school year, FASD operated with a K-12 hybrid learning model. The students were scheduled into an A/B schedule (Tuesday/Thursday and Wednesday/Friday with Monday as a virtual instruction day). **In the 2021-22 school year, FASD will fully reopen for all students grades K-12 with in-person learning.** In order to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the district will ***follow the recommendations of the CDC to the extent practicable***, PA Department of Health, and PA Department of Education guidance for the reopening and operation of school facilities, to the greatest extent possible. First and foremost, to prevent the spread of disease, staff and students will be encouraged to stay home when not feeling well.

This Health and Safety Plan (2021 and beyond) was created based on our local context, in consultation with local medical professionals, and incorporates science and best practice guidance. The plan prioritizes the health and safety of students, employees, and families.

The Pandemic Response Team, created in July 2020, will continue to meet regularly and review local health data and guidance provided by the ***CDC to the extent practicable***, PA Department of Health, and PA Department of Education. The Team will review the current prevention and mitigation strategies as related to health and safety preparedness, response, and plan implementation.

Recommended changes will be presented to the School Board in public session for consideration and action. The most recent copy of the district's Health and Safety Plan is posted to the district website.

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?

FASD decisions regarding continuity of service will be guided by Students First in Academic Needs, Students/Staff Social, Emotional and Mental Health, and Nutritional Needs of the students.

- Ensure academic excellence;
- Make all decisions through an equity lens;
- Consider social-emotional well-being of students and staff; and
- Develop an instructional model that is agile and flexible.

Academic Needs

FASD staff will address students' academic needs by:

- Returning all students into the appropriate buildings full-time for five days a week.
- Assessing and monitoring student readiness and learning gaps using a variety of tools including, but not limited to Acadience, Benchmark Assessments, Study Island, DRA, PSSA and Keystone data, and formative assessments.
- Implement services and supports to address learning gaps through instructional support for students, small group instruction, and differentiating, individualizing, and personalizing instruction.

Student and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health

During the 2020-21 school year, student and staff social, emotional, and mental health was monitored through referrals to the building-level teams, student assistance program, visits to school counselor and mental health workers, school nurses, and various surveys of students, staff, families, and the community. Data was compiled and recommendations have been made to continue to utilize out-sourced mental health professionals along with school counselors to meet with students in the school district. The program will build upon the existing PBIS and Multi-Tiered System of Supports districtwide, provide professional development to educators and staff in social-emotional learning to better support students and their needs, and provide supplemental and strategic interventions in both small group and individuals' contexts to address anger, anxiety, depression, and other needs. Intensive interventions will be implemented on an as needed basis with licensed professionals.

Food Services

Through the National School Lunch Program, all students will continue to receive nutritious meals through June 30, 2022 at no cost to families. Take-home meals are available for all district residents, ages 0-18 through the FASD Food Services Department. Meals are distributed weekly during the summer months.

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. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During extremely High and High risk of transmissions in Adams County, facial coverings / mask will remain required for staff and students in the Fairfield Area School District while indoors. However, please see INDOOR CONCERTS / PERFORMANCES AND LARGE GROUP MEETING AREAS – Procedures on options to not wear a mask indoors while at school below. • During Moderate and Low risk of transmission in Adams County, facial coverings/masks will be optional for staff and students in the Fairfield Area School District property except where specific requirements are otherwise approved by FASD School Board Action. • CDC requires all passengers and drivers to wear masks on school buses, including those operated by public and private school systems. This federal order remain in effect until the CDC indicates otherwise. • Students and staff with COVID positive results will be isolated according to CDC guidelines. • When exposure occurs at school, parents will be notified of the exposure and will be given the recommendation to quarantine or not quarantine their child. These students will be permitted to continue to attend school AS LONG AS they are symptom free. IF any Covid symptoms develop with in 10 days of exposure students will be required to quarantine/isolate for a period of time to be decided by the school nurse after speaking with the

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	<p>parent, depending on the circumstances. *FASD will return to CDC quarantine requirements if more than one positive case is noted in the same classroom within 10 days or if there is an increased trend in positive cases at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IF exposure is due to positive case within the home, CDC guidelines of quarantine will be followed. Under these circumstances, quarantining will not be optional. • If the unmasked student is exposed at school, parents or guardians will be notified. The student can remain at school, provided they remain symptom free and are able to properly wear a mask for 10 days after exposure. • Under Extremely High and High risk of transmission periods, students who will not be wearing a mask will need a completed “Facial Covering/Mask Exclusion Form” to be filed in the health office. Parents can opt to not have a physician sign this form and instead have the form signed by the parent, school nurse and administrator. Masks exclusions will not be honored for the 10 days after close contact exposure to a Covid case – if identified as “exposed” students will need to quarantine for 10 days at home or wear a mask while indoors at school. <p>INDOOR CONCERTS / PERFORMANCES AND LARGE GROUP MEETING AREAS – Procedures</p>

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	<p data-bbox="868 254 1398 449">Due to our concerns for the health and safety of our performing students during upcoming indoor concerts and programs in the District Auditorium and indoor athletic venues, the following requirements for attendees will be used:</p> <ul data-bbox="919 491 1414 1892" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="919 491 1354 552">• Capacity will be limited by the number of available seats. <li data-bbox="919 594 1409 758">• Attendees must have a ticket from the student to attend. Each student will be issued an equal proportion of tickets based on maximum venue capacity. <li data-bbox="919 800 1398 1129">• Performing students will be required to wear a mask while in crowded areas, including while in close proximity to other students. Solo performers or performers able to socially distance may remove masks while performing. Groups of performers unable to socially distance should remain masked during the performance. <li data-bbox="919 1171 1398 1430">• Students and youth are not required to wear face coverings when participating in sports practices or events. Spectators and other individuals attending sporting events must wear a face mask when occupancy exceeds the 75% capacity limit. <li data-bbox="919 1472 1414 1703">• In the event that notification of a positive COVID case is necessary, any ticket holder not listed in our parent / guardian database will be asked to provide a phone number for contact tracing. (This will be done via ticket collection) <li data-bbox="919 1745 1377 1892">• IF an attendee tests positive for the COVID virus after attending and FASD event, they must immediately notify the school nurse, Kristi Ebaugh, RN.

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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cohorting and podding was used during the 2020-21. In the future, these practices will be used on an 'as needed' basis as dictated by the status of the pandemic in our local context.
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff will be receive updates/reminders regarding healthy hygiene practices in order to instruct students in proper practices ● Posters and signs will be displayed throughout the school to remind students to perform hand hygiene. ● Students and staff will be provided access to facilities with soap and water to wash hands per CDC guidelines after using the restroom, sneezing, coughing, blowing of their nose and before and after eating. Sanitizers with the recommended 60 percent of alcohol are available in classrooms, cafeterias, hallways, and other public spaces. ● Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices. ● Posters and signs will be displayed throughout the district buildings on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 (Cafeterias, Restrooms and other high traffic areas).
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow CDC guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classrooms and buses will be disinfected weekly. Increase ventilation through intake of outdoor air, use of fans, and the regular servicing and maintenance of district HVAC systems.
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the most recent guidance from the Pa Dept. of Health and department of education regarding contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine protocols and procedures. Students and staff experiencing symptoms should stay home. If symptoms emerge during the school day, report to the nurse for evaluation.
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information to staff, students, and families related to Symptoms & Testing Follow guidance provided by the PA Dept. of Health, PA Dept. of Education
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information to our school community regarding COVID vaccination
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop for students at higher risk a student-specific plan that facilitates his/her safe return to school.
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pandemic Coordinator and school nurses will continue to

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	collaborate and coordinate with state and local health officials.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Fairfield Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **December 6, 2021 (Board reviewed on February 14, 2022)**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

6 Yes

3 No

Affirmed on: **December 6, 2021**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

Jennifer I. Holz

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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