



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*.

## Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Green Tree School**

**Initial Effective Date: 07/29/2020**

**Date of Last Review: 07/05/2022**

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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?

Green Tree School followed guidance and recommendations related to safe school reopening from the CDC, PDE, and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We plan to implement the revised guidance from these organizations to support full in-person instruction in the 2022-2023 school year. Layers of mitigation efforts that Green Tree School will employ include universal masking, social distancing, enhanced cleaning & ventilation, increased use of outdoor space for instruction & activities, diagnostic screenings to identify potential sources of asymptomatic spread, and continued vigilance with hand-washing and other respiratory etiquette.

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?

Green Tree School will be continuing full in-person instructional model in the 2022-2023 school year. Students receiving specially designed instruction and related services through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will continue to receive academic and

behavioral supports outlined in their IEPs. Green Tree School will continue to provide counseling and mental health supports in school, as well as collaboration with community-based providers. Green Tree School participates in the National School Lunch Program and will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. Meal service will be modified, as needed, to implement social distancing guidelines as required during eating and drinking.

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 <a href="#">masks</a>;</p>	<p>Green Tree School will continue to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidance on use of masks. For the 2022-2023 SY, face covering will be recommended, but not required when COVI-19 community levels are <b><u>LOW</u></b> or <b><u>MEDIUM</u></b>.</p> <p>When the community level of transmission is <b><u>HIGH</u></b>, masks will be required for all students and all staff with these exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When eating or drinking and spaced 6 feet or more apart</li> <li>• If unable to wear a face covering due to medical condition or disability.</li> </ul> <p>Continued training &amp; professional development will be provided to support students and staff with correct mask wearing.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Green Tree School will continue to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidance on physical distancing requirements in schools to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Modifications for the 2022-2023 SY will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom space will be configured to allow for 3ft of separation between student desks, to the maximum extent feasible</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety plastic barriers will be utilized when 3ft or 6ft during meals is not feasible</li> <li>• Outdoor spaces will be used for instruction and activities when possible.</li> <li>• Additional spaces indoors &amp; outdoors will be identified to allow for physical distancing during meals &amp; recess.</li> <li>• Water fountains will not be available. Students will be encouraged to bring water from home, and bottles of water will be provided as needed.</li> <li>• Restriction of nonessential visitors will be implemented when the county transmission levels increase to the <b>high</b> level.</li> </ul>
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	Students and staff will continue to have training on proper hand washing, and appropriate sneezing & coughing etiquette to minimize the spread of respiratory infections. Visual cues and reminders are placed throughout the building and bathrooms. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be available in every classroom, office, and throughout the building.
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	Green Tree School will continue to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines and recommendations for cleaning & disinfection of the school building. Green Tree School has already upgraded our HVAC system with air purification and pathogen filtration systems.
e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Green Tree School will continue to collaborate with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health for contact tracing in each identified COVID-19 case. Potential exposures are notified as soon as possible, and Green Tree School will continue to comply with Philadelphia Department of Health guidelines regarding need for quarantine & duration.
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	Green Tree School will continue to require all students and staff to complete

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	daily self-monitoring for symptom screening. In the 2022-2023 SY, Green Tree School will also continue diagnostic screening of all staff. We will implement random sampling procedures for diagnostic screening of students, as the rate of transmission in the county increases to the <b>high</b> level.
g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	Green Tree School will partner with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to promote the COVID-19 vaccine to the school community. This partnership supported Green Tree School staff with obtaining the vaccine in the Spring of 2021. In the 2022-2023 SY Green Tree School will provide information sessions for families to obtain credible vaccine information.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Green Tree School will make appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities based on the student's IEP, in conjunction with requirements outlined by the student's medical physician.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Green Tree School will continue to collaborate with state and local health officials throughout the 2022-2023 school year.