



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

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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 2020-2022 school years. 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 masks;</p>	<p>Green Tree School will continue to follow CDC, PA Department of Health, and local Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) guidance on use of masks. On 08/29/2022, PDPH strongly recommended universal masking for a two-week period upon return from extended break/holiday, such as summer vacation, winter and spring breaks, and extended holidays.</p> <p>For the 2022-2023 SY, face covering will be recommended, but not required when COVID-19 community levels are <u>LOW</u> or <u>MEDIUM</u>.</p> <p>When the community level of transmission is <u>HIGH</u>, masks will be required for all students and all staff with these exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When eating or drinking and spaced 6 feet or more apart • If unable to wear a face covering due to medical condition or disability. <p>Continued training & professional development will be provided to support students and staff with correct mask wearing.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p><i>As per CDC Updated School guidelines, effective 08/11/2022, social distancing is no longer recommended for the 2022-2023 SY.</i></p>

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<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p><i>As per CDC Updated School guidelines, effective 08/11/2022, quarantine following exposure to a COVID positive case is no longer recommended. Contact tracing will be discontinued in the 2022-2023 SY. Green Tree School will continue to comply with CDC, state and local guidelines, which require isolation for 5 days following COVID positive test results. Use of mask is required for 5 days following a COVID positive isolation period.</i></p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>Green Tree School will continue to require all students and staff to complete daily self-monitoring for symptom screening.</p> <p><i>As per CDC Updated School guidelines, effective 08/11/2022, screening testing is recommended during high levels of community transmission, or when there has been an outbreak in your local school. In the 2022-2023 SY, Green Tree School will also continue screening of all staff and random sampling of students, when the rate of transmission in the Philadelphia community is HIGH, or if there is an outbreak of positive cases at Green Tree School.</i></p>

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<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Green Tree School will continue to collaborate with state and local health officials throughout the 2022-2023 school year.</p>