



# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

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**Health & Safety Plan Summary: Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29**

**Initial Effective Date: August 25, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: January 9, 2023**

**Date of Last Revision: August 1, 2022**

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?

1. 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?

**Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 (IU29) convened a Pandemic Committee comprised of Administrators, School Nurse, and Professional Staff. IU29 Administration and the School Nurse work with Schuylkill County Emergency Management Services, the Superintendents of the 12 Member Districts, the PA Department of Health, and the PAIU Network to monitor the most up-to-date CDC and PA Department of Education Guidance. Health and Safety Plans are updated and revisions are submitted for board approval as changes are required. IU29 is committed to providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible. IU29 will be utilizing a combination of disinfecting and monitoring for the 2022/2023 School Year. All Staff, Students, Parents and Teachers are notified of changes via website at [www.iu29.org](http://www.iu29.org), email, and All Call System.**

2. 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. <u>Universal and correct wearing of masks;</u>	Face coverings are optional unless mandated by the Governor or Department of Education for Pennsylvania.
b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</u>	IU29 will not implement social distancing for the 2022/2023 School Year.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u>	Handwashing will be continuously monitored and prompted before and after meals, use of restrooms and when necessary to promote better health.
d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u>	The continued use of the air purifying systems and the handheld sanitizers will be maintained. Teachers will be asked to continue the best practice of wiping down high touch areas throughout the day. Early Intervention will continue the practice of using clean and dirty bins for toys to maintain continued sanitation and reducing multiple students using the toys between cleaning.
e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</u>	The school nurse will maintain tracking and assuring the use of isolation and quarantine areas as needed. Communication with administration and parents of continued practice of not returning until free of symptoms following CDC guidelines will continue. All staff will be notified of the importance of not coming to work if having any symptoms.
f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u>	IU29 encourages parents and staff to self-monitor diagnostic screening. Signage is posted at the main entrance of the IU29 building to remind visitors to self-monitor. The school nurse will assess any students identified as showing symptoms and recommend testing, if needed.
g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u>	IU29 hosted a vaccination clinic in March 2021 to vaccinate school professionals. Information regarding vaccination clinics is sent to families of our students.
h. <u>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</u>	Staff continue to encourage regular handwashing and help the maintenance staff with disinfecting the classrooms.
i. <u>Coordination with state and local health officials.</u>	The Executive Director will maintain communication with state and local health officials regarding positive cases and changing COVID-19 Guidance.

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 1, 2022.

The plan was approved by a vote of: 8-0

Yes

No

Affirmed on: August 1, 2022

By:



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(Signature\* of Board President)

Scott Jacoby

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(Print Name of Board President)

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