

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Redbank Valley School District

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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?

Redbank Valley School District will follow all mandates required by state and federal agencies as they relate to mitigation and prevention requirements. As guidance and mandates change, the district will modify procedures in response to such changes. Good hygiene and safe practices, such as social distancing and covering coughs will be encouraged. In addition, any student experiencing COVID – 19 symptoms will be assessed by the school nurse who will follow all procedures recommended by the Department of Health. These procedures include contact tracing and quarantine.

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?

Redbank Valley School District will provide educational services in-person at each of its buildings. Exceptions to this would be a mandated school closure or the school's inability to properly staff a school building. Should a school closure occur, students will learn in a remote manner using their school-issued Chromebook. Any family not having access to Internet will be provided a mobile hotspot to allow for access to schoolwork. Students that live in an area where the school provided hotspot does not provide reliable access will be provided printed materials. For closures lasting for an extended period, take out school lunches may be distributed. Academic progress will be monitored throughout the closure with weekly check-ins virtually or by telephone by the homeroom teachers. Students who receive outpatient counseling through Family Psychological, teletherapy sessions can be conducted. Teachers will be monitored and provided with strategies to maintain a positive social-emotional well-being.

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 <u>masks</u>;</p>	<p>Redbank Valley School District will follow all state and federal mandates as related to the wearing of facial coverings/masks for the prevention and spread of communicable diseases, including COVID-19.</p> <p>During the 21-22 school year the district will monitor community transmission, vaccination rates, and use of screening testing to determine when masks will be required of unvaccinated students and staff.</p> <p>Unless mandated, during times of low and moderate transmission in Clarion County, masks will <u>not</u> be required of any staff or students.</p> <p>The district will support all individuals who prefer to continue to wear a mask.</p> <p>During times of substantial to high transmission the district may reconsider masking requirements for unvaccinated students and staff.</p>

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	<p>Per the federal order, masks will be required on school buses regardless of vaccination status.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Redbank Valley School District will utilize social distancing as appropriate and to the extent mandated by state and federal mandates.</p> <p>Pennsylvania lifted its Order for physical distancing and occupancy limits on May 31, 2021. With the lifting of the Order, school buildings and offices will not require specific social distancing requirements.</p> <p>In accordance with the CDC guidance, the School District will maintain 3 feet of physical distancing where possible.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<p>All students, staff and faculty will utilize handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p> <p>Reminder posters will be hung on the walls in the hallway.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and in hallways.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Maintenance workers and custodians will work diligently to ensure a</p>

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	<p>building that is thoroughly sanitized throughout each day.</p> <p>Windows will be opened as weather permits and ventilation systems will be cleaned on a regular basis.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>The school nurse will work in conjunction with administration and staff to follow all Department of Health protocols for contact tracing and quarantine during the incident.</p> <p>An isolation room is provided for use as needed.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Students and parents will be provided with a list of symptoms that, if present, require the student to stay at home.</p> <p>If a student experiences these symptoms at school, the school nurse will conduct a diagnostic assessment to determine action based upon guidance from the Department of Health.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>Redbank Valley School District will partner with a local pharmacy to set up vaccination clinics prior to the start of school and throughout the school year as needed.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Students with disabilities will have their needs assessed and addressed through an individualized health plan.</p>

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	<p>All staff involved with the student as well as the school nurse will have access to the plan.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Redbank Valley School District will implement state, local and federal mandates to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>Collaboration with the PA Department of Health will also aid in coordination efforts.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Redbank Valley School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 27, 2021**.


The plan was approved by a vote of:

 7 Yes

 0 No

Affirmed on: **July 27, 2021**.

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

William Reddinger

(Print Name of Board President)

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