

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 procedures recommended by the Department of Health.

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>Unless mandated, 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> <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 in classrooms and common areas.</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 and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Maintenance workers and custodians will work diligently to ensure a building that is thoroughly sanitized throughout each day.</p> <p>Windows will be opened as weather permits and ventilation systems will be updated and cleaned on a regular basis.</p>

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<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>Staff and students identified as a close contact to a positive COVID case are able to remain in school as long as they are asymptomatic.</p> <p>Staff and students in close contact situations will be informed by the school nurse and are encouraged to test at a local healthcare site and monitor their health status.</p> <p>Students who become symptomatic will complete a quarantine period.</p> <p>Parents will be informed if their student is a close contact and may choose to self-quarantine, even if asymptomatic, for the length of time as recommended by the PA Department of Health.</p> <p>Any staff or student required to quarantine due to a positive COVID test will not be allowed in the classroom environment nor involved with extracurricular activities until the requirement is lifted.</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>Parents are encouraged to make informed health decisions that are in the best interest of both student and community health.</p> <p>If a student or staff member experiences these symptoms at school, the school nurse will recommend physician consultation. COVID testing will not occur in the school.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>Redbank Valley School District will inform parents, students and the community about local vaccination clinics.</p>

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<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 their Individualized Education Plan, 504 Plan, and/ or medical orders from a physician.</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 **January 11, 2022**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes

1 No

Affirmed on: **January 11, 2022**.

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

William Reddinger

(Print Name of Board President)

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