

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **TUNKHANNOCK AREA SD**

Initial Effective Date: July 22, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 22, 2021

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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?

TASD will remain current on CDC guidance and PA DOH guidance for safely returning students to in person instruction in the 2021-22SY. Measures will be taken to reduce class size (when possible) to maintain a minimum of three feet of social distancing. Mask are recommended but not required. Masks will be available, and may be worn by students and staff who wish to do so. Masking protocol will only be changed by a mandate or school Board vote.

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?

TASD will continue to offer food service to students working remotely. The district will also continue to offer mental health support through school counseling offices, social work teams and social/emotional program teachers. Our nurses will also be available for consultation and referral, as well. TASD is prepared to meet students' academic needs remotely in grades K to 12.

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. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	Mask are recommended but not required. Masks will be available, and may be worn by students and staff who wish to do so. Masking protocol will only be changed by a mandate or school Board vote.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	To the greatest extent possible, the district will limit classroom size to 20 students to allow for three to four feet of physical distancing. TASD is prepared to make additional space available if the level of community transmission and identified cases in specific buildings calls for such measures.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be encouraged and modeled by staff. TASD will continue to provide hand sanitizer stations and classroom supplies.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	TASD will continue to implement cleaning and disinfection protocols implemented for the 20-21SY including the use of static sprayers, UV light and maximization of ventilation systems.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	TASD will continue to work closely with the DOH to conduct contact tracing when positive cases are identified. When isolation/quarantine of individuals or groups is required, TASD is prepared to offer remote learning at all grade levels.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	TASD will continue the practice of temperature screening on a voluntary basis.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	TASD continues to post information pertaining to local vaccination clinics on the district website (www.tasd.net) and the district Facebook page. The district will avail itself to scheduling clinics onsite with outside providers as requested.

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<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>IEP and 504 teams will meet to determine if individual accommodations are necessary for students with disabilities. Accommodations related to COVID19 mitigation efforts or unique health needs of students will be included in a Health Plan that becomes part of the 504 Plan or IEP, if appropriate.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>TASD will continue to communicate and coordinate with the DOH, PDE, CDC and local EMA.</p>

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The plan was approved by a vote of:

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