

Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Buxmont Academy (Bethlehem, Feasterville, Pottstown, Sellersville, Woodlyn locations)

Initial Effective Date: September 8, 2021

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Date of Last Revision: September 4, 2023

- 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 to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?**

The health and safety of the students, staff, and families of all Buxmont Academy (BA) locations continues to be of the utmost importance. The BA Leadership Team will continue to monitor available information related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and take the necessary steps to respond appropriately.

We will continue to follow the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The BA Leadership Team will continue to monitor communications. As conditions change related to COVID-19, protocols are subject to change.

Included within this plan are strategies from our previous health and safety plan that are both practical and have proven effective.

- 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?**

A full in-person instructional model is currently in place. There may be times when we must shift to a short-term virtual model if warranted by current health conditions and or through direct guidance from the DOH.

BA has at its disposal, multiple resources related to the social emotional needs of students. We will continue to provide these resources to families on an as needed basis. Additionally, all staff have access to an Employee Assistance Program.

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.

In all areas listed below, BA will continue to follow the latest mandates from DOH, PDE, and CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;	We will continue to have masks available at all buildings. Masks are not mandatory.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	There are no distancing guidelines currently in place.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;	Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands frequently. Signage will be provided throughout the building. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, offices, and common areas. Instruction will be provided to students related to how best to cover sneezes and coughs. BA will continue to implement best practices developed in response to COVID-19 for keeping the workplace clean, disinfected, and safe for staff, students, and visitors.
d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u></u>;	We will maintain the increased frequency of disinfecting building spaces. Cleaning materials including wipes and spray bottles will continue to be available in all rooms and offices. Limiting shared materials and the use of equipment that cannot be easily cleaned will continue. Students and staff will continue to be expected to share in the cleaning and disinfecting of

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	shared equipment and/or furniture/items within one's office/classroom.
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>BA will continue to ask students and staff to do a daily self-health check. Families and staff are required to immediately report any suspected or known case of COVID-19 to the building Dean of Students, follow the recommendation of your attending physician and report the absences in accordance with school procedures. Individuals who become ill while at school/school activities/work will be isolated from other individuals. If the ill individual is a student, the parent or guardian will be contacted immediately. Buxmont Administration will work with employees, parents/guardians, medical personnel and DOH to follow DOH guidance regarding restriction or quarantine.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>BA will share positive case information with the parents/guardians of students in the impacted classroom(s) and/or employees in the impacted school. Students and staff are expected to follow the recommendation of their attending physician and/or DOH directive(s) as it relates to diagnostic and screening testing.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>BA will continue to communicate local vaccine opportunities available to students, staff, and the community at large, including any boosters or new vaccines.</p>

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<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>BA will offer a fully virtual option for students experiencing <i>extenuating circumstances</i>. IEP's or 504 Service Plans can be developed/revised in collaboration to provide health and safety provisions for students with complex needs.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>BA will continue to monitor new information/requirements coming from the DOH. We will also continue to maintain close communication with officials at our affiliate IUs for any additional information.</p>

