

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary: Mount Union Area School District**

**Initial Effective Date: July 19, 2020**

**Date of Last Review: July 25, 2022**

**Date of Last Revision: July 31, 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 in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The Mount Union Area School District will continue to follow the latest provided guidance, mandates, edicts, and/or orders issued by any governing offices including Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Governor's office, or any other Pennsylvania State or Federal Government offices. The Pandemic Team and Leadership Team will continue to monitor communication from these entities and will use such information to guide decisions that affect the health and safety of students and staff of the Mount Union Area School District during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

In preparation for the 2023-2024 school year, Mount Union Area School District has identified the following expectations and protocols for students, staff, and visitors:

- Before entering the building, students, staff, and visitors should complete the self-screener for Covid-19 symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practicing appropriate hygiene etiquette – handwashing/ sanitizing
- Cleaning/disinfecting one's workplace
- Cleaning/disinfecting desks/tables between users
- Optional use of face coverings
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols when feasible
- Maintaining cohorts/groupings when feasible
- Following CDC's or PA DOH's guidance on out-of-state or out-of-country travel
- Following isolation and quarantine periods established by CDC
- Maintaining best practice regarding mitigation efforts

The Pandemic Response Coordinator and Leadership Team will continue to monitor health and safety communications regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. Protocols will be updated as needed based on any changes in status.

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?



The Mount Union Area School District's students will return to school on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

a) Students will return to in-person instruction.

a. The district reserves the right to move to a remote instructional model if necessary due to government order or number of positive Covid-19 cases.

Student Covid-19 medical issues which require a temporary leave from the classroom will be addressed on a case by case basis to determine the most appropriate instructional alternatives to continue the student's education.

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
a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a> ;	<b>As of June 28, 2021, face coverings are optional for all individuals regardless of vaccination status in all Mount Union Area School District offices, classrooms, and sponsored events as per the expiration of Pennsylvania mask mandate. Staff or students who travel to other locations must adhere to any local Health and Safety Plan. Staff are expected to stay informed of the latest information and resources available.</b>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<b>MUASD will adhere to the latest mandates provided by CDC, DOH, PDE regarding physical distancing.</b>  <b>Cohorts will used when possible.</b>
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	<b>Hand sanitizer and hand-sanitizing stations will be made available at all main school entrances, cafeterias, classrooms, offices, and nurses'</b>

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	<p>stations.</p> <p>All persons will be expected to wash their hands with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.</p> <p>Students and staff will be reminded to sneeze away from others, into a tissue or their elbow.</p> <p>All person will be encouraged to refrain from touching their face.</p>
<p>d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p>	<p>MUASD will follow the latest mandates and recommendations provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC related to cleaning and ventilation.</p>
<p>e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Covid-19 is considered a communicable disease and is reportable to DOH.</p> <p>All staff members are required to report any suspected or known cases of Covid-19 to their supervisor or school RN or Pandemic Coordinator within 24 hours.</p> <p>Persons awaiting test results for Covid-19 will not be permitted on school grounds until results are received.</p> <p>Persons who test positive for Covid-19 will be required to follow CDC's isolation guidance.</p>



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	<p>Non-vaccinated persons who are close contacts will be required to follow CDC's quarantine guidance.</p> <p>MUASD will complete contact tracing in conjunction with the PA DOH.</p> <p>MUASD will work collaboratively our local PA DOH nurse and any other representatives.</p>
<p>f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Symptom screening of students are to be completed by all parents/guardians at home each morning before school.</p> <p>MUASD will provide parents and staff with a symptom checklist on the district website.</p> <p>Children with any Covid-19 symptom will not be sent on a bus or brought to school.</p> <p>All district staff will complete a self-health assessment daily before reporting to school.</p> <p>All substitute employees will complete a self-health assessment daily before reporting to school.</p> <p>Staff with symptoms will not report to school.</p> <p>Temperature screenings of students and staff will not be required upon boarding the bus or entering buildings.</p>



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	<p>Attendance policies will be reviewed and updated based on PDE, CDC, and DOH guidelines.</p> <p>Students or staff who feel symptomatic will report to the nurse immediately.</p> <p>Nurses will have touchless thermometers available to check temperatures.</p> <p>Students or staff who present with a fever will be checked again with a touchless thermometer to ensure accuracy. Those with a fever may be sent home for observation.</p> <p>Monitor student/staff absenteeism rates. Report any substantial increases to the local health department.</p>
g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	<p>The MUASD will host vaccination clinics if requested by local health departments.</p> <p>The MUASD will not require vaccinations for staff, students, or visitors.</p>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<p>The Director of Special Education, IEP Case Manager, School Nurse, and School Counselor will work with families to work develop student specific education plans that meet all needs.</p>

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i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<b>MUASD will coordinate with state and local health officials including DOH and CDC.</b>



## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Mount Union Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 31, 2023**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes

0 No

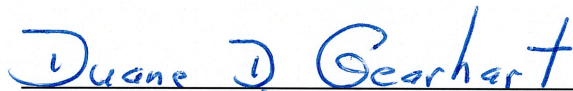
2 Absent

Affirmed on: **July 31, 2023**

By:



(Signature\* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

\*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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