

# CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Health and Safety Plan Summary:** Crestwood School District

**Initial Effective Date:** June 17, 2021

**Date of Last Review:** January 18, 2024

**Date of Last Revision:** August 18, 2022

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 opening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The Crestwood School District will, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for in person learning by using the guidance to make informed decisions to better ensure the District is able to continuously maintain face to face learning while keeping the health, safety and welfare of students and staff as its primary focus. This document provides an operational strategy for safe delivery of in-person instruction through the integration of a package of prevention and control components:

1. Consistent implementation of layered prevention strategies to reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission in schools
2. Consideration of indicators of community transmission to reflect levels of community risk
3. Phased prevention strategies based on levels of community transmission

The following public health efforts provide additional layers of COVID-19 protection in schools:

- Encourage testing to identify individuals with a SARS-CoV-2 infection to limit transmission and outbreaks
- Encourage vaccination for teachers and staff who are eligible and able to receive the vaccination.

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 successful and equitable school operational strategy requires engaging the entire school community to establish a safe environment for all educators, school staff, and students to promote trust and confidence. District planning should include:

- Administrators
- Teachers
- Student and parent representatives
- Specialized instructional support personnel (such as school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, and nurses)

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- Facilities managers and custodial staff
- Transportation personnel, school nutrition professionals, and family services representatives.

Consistent with health equity considerations, schools and school districts should conduct active and specific outreach to all families. This communication should be conducted in families' home languages or mode of communication and in alternate formats as needed to facilitate effective communication for individuals with disabilities and, where appropriate, in partnership with trusted community-based organizations. The Crestwood School District will use ARP and PCCD Grant Funds to address students and staff needs by providing supports through our school social worker and guidance counselors.

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, PA Department of Health, PDE, and its local health care advisors.

ARP ESSER REQUIREMENT	STRATEGIES, POLICIES, and PROCEDURES
<p>a) Universal and correct wearing of masks</p> <p>As of January 17, 2022, the use of masks is <b>parental/student choice</b>.</p>	<p>Core principle for mask wearing: The District will comply with all federal and state mandates regarding face coverings when making its decision the regarding the wearing of face coverings. The administration will consider, the recommendation by the CDC, PA Department of Health, PDE, and its local health care advisors. The community will be notified of any changes.</p> <p>Wearing a face covering maybe subject to change at any time during the school year, starting with the first day of school and ending with the last day of school, based upon the Crestwood School District surrounding area COVID-19 cases.</p> <p><u><a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker">CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker</a></u> <u><a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker">https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker</a></u></p>

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Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<p><b>Core principle for physical distancing:</b> Establish school policies and implement structural interventions to promote physical distance between people <b>if required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Classrooms:</b> Schools will maintain physical distance practice per the recommendation of PDE and/or PA DOH to the maximum extent feasible during periods of high community transmission.</li><li>• <b>Transportation:</b> Open windows to improve ventilation when it does not create a safety hazard. Front seat behind the driver shall remain open to the greatest extent feasible.</li><li>• <b>Food Service:</b> Maximum capacity will be determined to accommodate social distancing to the maximum extent feasible.</li><li>• <b>Athletics and extracurricular:</b> All athletes and extracurricular students will follow the overall Health and Safety Plan of the Crestwood School District.</li><li>• <b>Water fountains have been turned back on 2023-2024 school year.</b></li></ul>
<a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	<p><b>Core principle for handwashing and respiratory etiquette:</b> Through ongoing health education units and lessons, teach children proper handwashing and reinforce behaviors, and provide adequate supplies. Ensure that teachers and staff use proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Teach and reinforce <a href="#">handwashing</a></b> with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students, teachers, and staff. If handwashing is not possible, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol should be used.</li><li>• Encourage students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and immediately wash their hands after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.</li><li>• Some students with disabilities might need assistance with handwashing and respiratory etiquette behaviors.</li><li>• <b>Adequate supplies:</b> Support <a href="#">healthy hygiene</a> behaviors by providing adequate supplies, including soap, a way to dry hands, tissues, face masks (as feasible), and no-touch/foot-pedal trash cans. If soap and water are not readily available, schools can provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer.</li><li>• <b>Respiratory Etiquette:</b> Students/staff will be encouraged to use proper respiratory etiquette.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	<p><b>Core principle for cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities:</b> Make changes to physical spaces to maintain a healthy environment and facilities, including improving ventilation. Routinely clean high-touch surfaces (such as doorknobs and light switches).</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ventilation:</b> Improve <a href="#">ventilation</a> to the extent possible to increase circulation of outdoor air, increase the delivery of clean air, and dilute potential contaminants. This can be achieved through several actions.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bring in as much outdoor air as possible.</li><li>○ Ensure Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) settings are maximizing ventilation.</li><li>○ Filter and/or clean the air in the school by improving the <a href="#">level of filtration</a> as much as possible.</li><li>○ Use exhaust fans in restrooms and kitchens.</li><li>○ Open windows in buses and other transportation, if doing so does not pose a safety risk. Even just cracking windows open a few inches improves air circulation.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting your Facility:</b> <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility-H.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility-H.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sanitizing:</b> Regularly clean high touch surfaces and objects (for example, playground equipment, door handles, sink handles, toilets, drinking fountains) within the school and on school buses at least daily.</li><li>• <b>Food service:</b> Serving lines will be sanitized after each breakfast and lunch periods. Cafeteria tables will also be sanitized after breakfast and each lunch period.</li><li>• <b>Water systems:</b> <a href="#">Take steps</a> to ensure that all water systems and features (for example, sink faucets, decorative fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown.</li></ul>
<p><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><b>Core principle for contact tracing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Crestwood School District will participate in contact <u>tracing if required</u>.</b></li><li>• <b>Visitors/Volunteers/Outside Organizations maybe limited from entering a district building based on level of community spread.</b></li><li>• <b>Staying home when appropriate:</b> Educate teachers, staff and families about when they and their children should <a href="#">stay home</a> and when they can return to school. Students, teachers, and staff who <a href="#">have symptoms</a> may stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. School systems should attempt to recruit and train sufficient substitute educators to ensure that teachers can stay home when they are sick or have been exposed to someone who is confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19.</li></ul>

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- **Isolation** should be used to separate people diagnosed with COVID-19 from those who are not infected. Students, teachers, and staff who are in isolation should stay home and follow the direction of the local public health authority about when it is safe for them to be around others.

Diagnostic and screening testing;

Everyone is encouraged to self-monitor for illness. Students and staff are encouraged to remain home if ill. Employee/student health screening tool is available.

## STUDENT AND STAFF HEALTH SCREENING TOOL

**KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE WHEN TO END ISOLATION**

**SYMPTOM-BASED STRATEGY**

**DAY 5**  
EVEN IF VACCINATED, IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND ARE ABLE TO RECOVER AT HOME  
You can leave your separate room and home when at least 5 days have passed since symptoms began and your symptoms have ended or improved and you have had no fever for at least 24 hours (that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers).

**DAY 10**  
If you cannot make due to disability or if the individual is under age 2, continue to stay home for 10 days.  
When counting days, Day 0 is your first day of symptoms.  
Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms ended.  
See page 2 for guidelines relating to members of a COVID-positive household.

**TIME-BASED STRATEGY**

**DAY 5**  
EVEN IF VACCINATED, IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 BUT NEVER HAD SYMPTOMS  
You can leave your separate room and home when at least 5 days have passed since the date of your first positive test and you continue to have no symptoms since you were tested.

**DAY 10**  
Wear a mask around people until Day 10 to minimize the risk of infecting others you encounter. If you cannot make due to disability or if the individual is under age 2, continue to stay home for 10 days.  
When counting days, Day 0 is the date of your positive viral test.  
Day 1 is the first full day after your positive test was administered.  
If you develop symptoms after beginning isolation for a positive test result, restart isolation following the symptom-based criteria above. Your 5-day isolation period will start over.

**IMMUNE SUPPRESSED**

AT ANY AGE, EVEN IF VACCINATED, IF YOU HAD SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19 OR HAVE A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM  
Your isolation timeline may need to be extended to protect you and others. Isolation is recommended for at least 10 days and can be extended for up to 20 days. Testing may be required to determine when it is safe for you to be around others. Talk with your primary care physician or infectious disease expert before ending isolation.

**VACCINATED**

IMMUNITY FROM DISEASE AND/OR VACCINATION DECREASES OVER TIME, FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE TO MAXIMIZE IMMUNITY  
All individuals with symptoms of being sick (regardless of vaccination status) should immediately isolate and get tested. If the test results are positive, follow the symptom-based isolation strategy.

**HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL**

IF YOU HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH COVID-19  
See page 2 for guidelines relating to quarantine.

IF YOU WORK IN HEALTHCARE AND HAVE COVID-19  
Special guidance is related to all healthcare personnel (HCP) in the context of local circumstances, while at work. HCP vaccination status, the potential for contact with people at high risk for severe COVID-19, and employer staffing needs are considered when ending isolation from work duties.

**KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE WHEN TO END QUARANTINE**

**IF YOU LIVE WITH SOMEONE WITH COVID-19 AND YOU ARE UNVACCINATED OR ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE ON YOUR VACCINATIONS OR HAVE ONLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE PREVIOUS 90 DAYS**

**DAY 0**  
QUARANTINE  
WITH COVETM HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, ROOMING, TRAVEL, ISOLATION

**DAY 5**  
YOUR QUARANTINE BEGINS AFTER COVID-POSITIVE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS RELEASED FROM ISOLATION

**DAY 10**  
RELEASE FROM QUARANTINE  
VIRAL TEST ON DAY 5 OF YOUR QUARANTINE

**DAY 15**  
WEAR A WELL-FITTING MASK TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK OF INFECTING OTHERS BEGINNING ON DAY 6

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LIVE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE PERSON IN YOUR HOUSE WITH COVID-19 FOLLOW THE NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACT TIMELINE.**  
Living separately from your household means no contact, no time together in the same room, and no sharing of any spaces such as a bathroom or bedroom.

**IF YOUR COVID-19 CONTACT DOES NOT LIVE WITH YOU AND YOU ARE UNVACCINATED OR ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE ON YOUR VACCINATIONS OR HAVE ONLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE PREVIOUS 90 DAYS**

**DAY 0**  
QUARANTINE AFTER BEING NOTIFIED OF BEING A CLOSE CONTACT IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED AND BOOSTED

**DAY 5**  
RELEASE FROM QUARANTINE  
VIRAL TEST ON DAY 5

**DAY 10**  
WEAR A WELL-FITTING MASK TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK OF INFECTING OTHERS BEGINNING ON DAY 6

**IF YOU ARE UP-TO-DATE ON YOUR VACCINATIONS**

**DAY 0**  
NO NEED TO QUARANTINE AFTER BEING NOTIFIED OF BEING A CLOSE CONTACT

**DAY 5**  
VIRAL TEST ON DAY 5

**DAY 10**  
WEAR A WELL-FITTING MASK TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK OF INFECTING OTHERS BEGINNING ON DAY 6

**IF AT ANY TIME YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS STAY HOME AND GET TESTED**

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**WHO CAN GET A BOOSTER**

**COVID-19 vaccine boosters can further enhance or restore protection that might have decreased over time after your primary series vaccination.**

People are protected best from severe COVID-19 illness when they get up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting all recommended boosters when eligible.

There are different COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for people who are immunocompromised or have a prior COVID-19 diagnosis.

**WHO SHOULD GET 1 BOOSTER**

Everyone ages 5 years and older should get 1 booster after completing their COVID-19 vaccine primary series, if eligible.

**WHO SHOULD GET 2 BOOSTERS**

Adults ages 65 years and older  
Seniors ages 12 years and older who are immunocompromised

**Question:** Use this tool to determine when or if you (or your child) can get one or more COVID-19 Boosters. COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters 1.020

**WHERE CAN I GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?**  
A map of testing locations in Berks county is available [here](#).

**DOES BEING "UP-TO-DATE" CHANGE QUARANTINE GUIDELINES?**  
Yes, to help quarantine you must be up to date on COVID-19 vaccination, and the rules for COVID-19 testing to learn if and when you can get boosters. Be sure to be up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines.

**WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS?**  
A close contact is anyone providing care for a person with COVID-19, or living with a person who has COVID-19, or anyone who has been within six feet of a person with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. A person with COVID-19 is considered to be contagious starting 24 hours before they have a positive test for five days before their symptoms stop. Even if they never had symptoms, once they make the criteria to determine isolation.

**IF MY TEST IS NEGATIVE AM I CLEAR?**  
No, if you are a close contact with someone with COVID-19 and have symptoms, but tested negative, you must quarantine. If symptoms persist, continue working a series of tests and get tested a second time.

**IF A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER, EMPLOYEE, OR SCHOOL SAYS YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT AND YOU ARE NOT UP TO DATE ON YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS, STAY HOME AND GET TESTED**

**HELP IS AVAILABLE**  
If you're experiencing symptoms or have concerns, call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-7683) to connect the Care Team line. Text PA or 241-241 for more, chat, or voice messaging.

**FRAUD ALERT**  
The Berks Health Department will never ask you for financial information, including bank account, bank account, or credit card numbers.

**PA 10**

Employees are encouraged but not required to notify their building supervisor if diagnosed with a positive case of COVID-19.

Parents/guardians are encouraged but not required to notify their student's building nurse with a diagnosis of a positive case of COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Suspected cases of COVID-19 will be masked while waiting for departure. CDC also recommends suspected cases of COVID-19, masking at all times in health care setting, including school nurse offices, regardless of the current COVID-19 community level.

Diagnostic testing opportunities will be provided by the community-based testing sites as directed by the employee/students' physician.

The presence of any of the symptoms below generally suggests a student, teacher, or staff member has an infectious illness and should not attend school, regardless of whether the illness is COVID-19. For students, staff, and teachers with chronic conditions, symptom presence should represent a change from their typical health status to warrant exclusion from school. Occurrence of any of the [symptoms](#) below while a student, teacher, or staff member is at school suggests the person may be referred for diagnostic testing.

- [Temperature external icon](#) of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)</li><li>• Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)</li><li>• Diarrhea or vomiting</li><li>• New loss of taste or smell</li><li>• New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever</li></ul> <p>Students should not attend school in-person if they or their caregiver identifies new <a href="#">development</a> of any of the symptoms above.</p>
CDCEfforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be available as needed, partnering with our local health networks.
Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<b>Health equity considerations in prevention strategies:</b> Federal and state disability laws, to the extent applicable, require an individualized approach for students with disabilities consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 plan. Educators and school leaders must remain aware of their obligations under federal and state disability laws and should also consider adaptations and alternatives to prevention strategies, while maintaining efforts to protect students, teachers, and staff from COVID-19.
Coordination with state and local health officials.	The Crestwood School District will continue to work with state and local health officials as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education as they continue to provide guidance and direction related to not only the pandemic but also any future health, safety and welfare matters that are beyond to scope of the District.

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## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement:

The Board of Directors for the Crestwood School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **Thursday, January 18, 2024.**

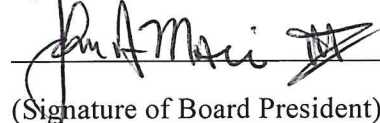
The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes: 8

No: 0

Affirmed on: **January 18, 2024**

By:

  
(Signature of Board President)

John Macri

(Print Name of Board President)

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