



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning.
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of [masks](#);
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for [physical distancing](#) (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#);
- d. [Cleaning](#) and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving [ventilation](#);
- e. [Contact tracing](#) in combination with [isolation](#) and [quarantine](#), in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. [Diagnostic](#) and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 [vaccinations to school communities](#);
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Chester County Youth Center**

Initial Effective Date: August 26, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 27, 2021

Date of Last Revision: August 27, 2021

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?

For the 2021-2022 school year, The Chester County Youth Center (CCYC) will plan to offer in-person learning for our students. Once our residents have completed their 14-day quarantine status, upon admission to our facility, or those students who are fully vaccinated, they will be fully in-person learning. The quarantined residents will be learning via laptop computers provided by our Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) utilizing zoom technology. We understand that many of our students need a face-to-face learning environment to thrive.

CCYC will use mitigation strategies guided by the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Chester County Department of Health. These strategies were successful in supporting the larger public health initiative to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our school communities, especially those at increased risk for severe illness.

CCYC will continue to stay abreast of the evolving guidance from the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and our Chester County Department of Health. This information will assist us when reviewing our mitigation strategies for effectiveness. The guidance will also be used to revise our health and safety plan and protocols as necessary.

Link to CDC COVID-19 Correctional and Detention Guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html>

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

-CCYC and Prime Care nurses are required to follow all CDC guidance related to communicable diseases, including COVID-19. All employees are required to have their temperature checked and undergo a COVID-19 employee screening prior to the start of their shift. Employees with a temperature of 100 degrees will be sent home with instructions to call The Chester County Human Resources Department for further instructions.

-CCYC residents upon admission will receive an Abbott COVID-19 Antigen Test before undergoing Prime Care's medical intake process. All new admissions will be placed on quarantine following the CDC/CCHD guidelines.

-CCYC will maintain adequate personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies.

-The Abbott COVID-19 Antigen Test are available for all residents, CCIU teachers, and CCYC Staff.

Student Health and Food Services

Food services are provided by Aramark which includes 3 meals and a snack per day.

1. 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?

Residents at CCYC will have access to a coordinated group of professionals through the Chester County Juvenile Probation (JPO), and Chester County Children, Youth and Family (CYF) as recommended/ordered by the courts.

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) provides comprehensive educational services that supports the academic needs of the residents.

CCYC also collaborates with several community organizations and volunteers to provide educational and recreational programming that will benefit the residents.

2. 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 masks;</p>	<p>-CCYC and CCIU employees will be required to wear a mask at all times. Visitors will also be required to always wear a mask while at CCYC. Residents are required to wear masks while in school or if housed on the quarantine unit.</p> <p>-Masks can be made of disposable materials or made of cloth (tight woven fabrics that are breathable) and washed regularly. Face shields are not a substitute for face coverings. To be effective, face coverings must be worn properly such that it covers an individual's nose and mouth and fits snugly against the sides of the face without gaps.</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>-CCYC will follow physical and social distancing guidance as established by the Chester County Health Department (CCHD), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the CDC. (6) feet of social distancing will be maintained in all areas of the facility, including the classrooms and cafeteria.</p> <p>-Residents and staff are encouraged and reminded to follow good hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.</p> <p>- Volunteers/Visitors and Program Providers are required to: always Follow the commonwealth guidelines for face coverings. In the event someone arrives without a face covering, CCYC has face</p>

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
	<p>masks available to ensure compliance with this requirement. If a visitor is unable to wear a mask, CCYC will make other arrangements for the visit via phone call/FaceTime.</p> <p>-CCYC have signs posted in the facility reminding residents, staff, and guest the proper social distancing protocol.</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD to will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>- Residents and staff are encouraged and reminded to follow good hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.</p> <p>Best practice encourages hand washing prior to and after meals and snacks, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. CCIU staff and CCYC staff will encourage our students and staff to follow these best practices.</p> <p>Resources related to hand washing: Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after cleaning. Be sure to wash your hands immediately after removing gloves. – link is provided by the CDC</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, public areas, and other strategic locations.</p> <p>CCYC have signs in the building reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD to will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>-Custodial staff conduct frequent cleaning of high traffic areas throughout the facility.</p> <p>- Disinfecting wipes will be made available for staff and students.</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD to will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>-CCYC will follow contact tracing and quarantine guidance established by the Chester County Health Department (CCHD), Pennsylvania Department of Health and the CDC.</p> <p>Further information on self-assessment can be found through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Chester County Health Department. Resource link provided - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD to will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>-CCYC encourages all staff to stay home when sick.</p> <p>-All CCYC staff and guest are required to answer screening questions and have their temperature checked prior to entering the facility.</p> <p>-Staff will be sent home if they become ill while at CCYC.</p> <p>-Program providers, and community volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated to be allowed to facilitate in-person programming.</p>

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
	<p>-CCYC will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, N95 face covering, eye protection, gloves.</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>-CCYC will participate in vaccination initiatives by the Chester County Health Department.</p> <p>-Additional guidance provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>-CCYC accepts and accommodates all court ordered juveniles between the ages of 10-21, while continuing to follow all CDC and CCHD guidelines.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>-CCYC will adhere to any changes in guidance as recommended by the Chester County Health Department, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the CDC.</p> <p>Link to CDC COVID-19 Correctional and Detention Guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Chester County Intermediate Unit/Chester County Youth Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 26th, 2021**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **(INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)**

By:

(*Signature** of **Deb Maccariella, BSW, M.Ed.** | Youth Center Director/Human Services Deputy Director)

(*Print Name of* **Deb Maccariella, BSW, M.Ed.** | Youth Center Director/Human Services Deputy Director)

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

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

Option B: If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.