



Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School

ARP ESSER: Health and Safety Plan

The Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School (LVDLCS) Health and Safety Plan outlines our school's instructional and non- instructional school reopening activities for the 2021-2022 school year and was after reviewing local district Health and Safety Plans. After reviewing local plans the LVDLCS Health and Safety Plan was tailored to meet our unique school's needs.

The plan has categorized reopening into three broad phases: substantial spread, minimal/moderate spread, or low/no spread. These designations signal how counties and/or regions may begin easing some restrictions on school, work, and social interactions. Depending upon the public health conditions in the counties we serve, there could be additional actions, orders, or guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) designating the counties we serve as being in the substantial spread, minimal/moderate spread, or low/no spread phase. There may be times that the counties we serve may not experience a straight path from these designated phases. Instead, cycling back and forth between less restrictive to more restrictive designations may occur as public health indicators improve or worsen in our local area. The LVDLCS Health and Safety Plan accounts for changing conditions to ensure fluid transition from more to less restrictive conditions in each of the phase requirements as needed.

Initial Effective Date: June 23, 2020 (Board of Trustees Approval and Submission to PDE)

Date of Last Review: July 20, 2021 (Board of Trustees Approval and Submission to PDE)

Date of Last Revision: June 30, 2021



TYPE OF REOPENING

Based on your county's current designation and local community needs, which type of reopening has your school entity selected?

- x **Total reopen for all students and staff (100% virtual option may be considered due to an individual, requested, health and safety concern).**

Scaffolded reopening: Some students are engaged in in-person learning, while others are distance learning (i.e., some grade levels in-person, other grade levels remote learning).

Blended reopening that balances in-person learning and remote learning for all students (i.e., alternating days or weeks).

Total remote learning for all students. (Plan should reflect future action steps to be implemented and conditions that would prompt the decision as to when schools will re-open for in-person learning).

Anticipated launch date for in-person learning (i.e., start of blended, scaffolded, or total reopening: August 30, 2021



LVDLCS will implement key prevention strategies as detailed below

- **Physical Distancing** – Physical distancing as a prevention strategy will be dependent upon the level of community spread in the counties served by LVDLCS
 - **Substantial Spread** – Social distancing as appropriate and feasible between students in classrooms, Student cohorting will be recommended when possible.
 - **Minimal/Moderate Spread** – Social distancing as appropriate and feasible between students in classrooms
 - **Low/No Spread** – Social distancing as appropriate based upon possible individual classroom health and safety concerns
- **Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks for students and staff** – The wearing of masks at LVDLCS will follow the most current set forth by the CDC, PA DOH, and PDE guidelines understanding that these guidelines may change throughout the school year
- **Contact Tracing / Isolation / Quarantine** – LVDLCS will implement the following practices when a student, staff member, or visitor becomes sick at school:
 - Conduct surveillance on absenteeism
 - All stakeholders will perform a daily symptom monitoring checklist and will remain home if symptomatic – all stakeholders will be educated about these requirements before the start of the school year
 - If a student or staff exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 they will immediately mask and go to the nurse office. Student(s) will be isolated within the nurse office until a parent/guardian can retrieve the student(s)
 - Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will have their temperature taken by the school nurse or other staff member



(Contact Tracing / Isolation / Quarantine – Con't)

- Symptomatic individuals who do not receive a COVID test can return to school if not tested when fever free (without medication) and symptom free for 3 days
- LVDLCS will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use upon request in the classroom(s) or when a student becomes ill.

When a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 LVDLCS will notify the school community through Class DoJo and the school website. Contact tracing will be completed, including the appropriate isolation and quarantining per the most current PA DOH guidelines. Due to confidentiality reasons, LVDLCS will not identify the person who is confirmed positive.

- **Diagnostic and Screening Testing** – LVDLCS will provide all stakeholders with available sites for diagnostic testing. LVDLCS is not currently administering individual stakeholder screening.
- **Vaccine Efforts** – LVDLCS has provided the opportunity for all staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, we communicate available vaccine sites with our stakeholders that are currently eligible for the vaccine. As new age groups are added to the vaccine approval, information will be shared with all stakeholders.
- **Protecting Vulnerable Students and Staff at High Risk for Severe Illness**
 - Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness
 - ❖ staff will have the opportunity to identify as high risk before the return to face-to-face instruction so that appropriate, individualized accommodations can be arranged
 - ❖ students will have the opportunity to identify as high risk throughout the school year so that appropriate, individualized accommodations can be arranged. These may include in-room social distancing with additional personal protective gear or 100% virtual instruction.



(Protecting Vulnerable Students and Staff at High Risk for Severe Illness - Con't)

- Use of face coverings by all staff

- ❖ The wearing of masks will follow the most current guidelines set forth from the CDD and the PA DOH

- Use of face coverings by students as feasible

- ❖ The wearing of masks will follow the most current guidelines set forth from the CDC and the PA DOH

- Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals

- ❖ Allow and early arrival/departure/transition for vulnerable students to/from building and classroom

- ❖ Social distance of 3 – 6 feet from the rest of the students in class

- ❖ Continue use of classroom air purifiers and increased filter strength of the heating/cooling system

- ❖ Allow vulnerable students to complete coursework virtually upon request and approval

- **Behavioral Health Supports**

- Employees have access to health support through their employee benefits plan. In addition, they have access to the school social worker who can provide assistance in finding additional support through outside community services.

- Students and families have access to the LVDLCS Student Assistance Program and the school social worker who can provide support and also provide assistance in identifying outside community service organizations that can provide support.



Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School reviewed and approved the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan on July 20, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: July 20, 2021

By:

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