



# Avonworth School District Health & Safety Plan Overview 2021-2022

July 12, 2021

Avonworth School District, 258 Josephs Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



# Health & Safety Plan Requirement

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 public an updated, board-approved Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires that all Pennsylvania school districts submit their updated, board-approved Health and Safety Plan by July 30, 2021.



# Health & Safety Plan Approval Process

<b>July 6</b>	Health & Safety Plan shared with the Avonworth Board of School Directors
<b>July 12</b>	Administration Presentation/Overview of the Health & Safety Plan at the public Board meeting
<b>July 13</b>	Health & Safety Plan emailed to the school community for review and comment
<b>July 19</b>	General Purpose Board Meeting - Approval of the Health & Safety Plan by Board of School Directors
<b>July 20</b>	Submission of the approved Avonworth School District Health & Safety Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education



# Health & Safety Plan Required Items

**The Health & Safety Plan template provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education includes the following areas:**

- Masks
- Physical Distancing
- Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
- Cleaning and Ventilation
- Contact Tracing, Quarantine, Isolation
- Diagnostic/Screening
- Efforts to Provide Vaccinations
- Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
- Coordination with Local and State Officials



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- The Avonworth School District's Health & Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented, will remain if there is no change in federal, state, or local guidance and transmission rates remain low.
- The Avonworth School District will comply with any federal, state, or local mandate/order pertaining to the COVID pandemic.
- The Avonworth School District will continue to closely and regularly monitor cases of COVID in our schools and county.
- The Avonworth School District will continue to review information and recommendations provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Allegheny County Health Department.
- The Avonworth School District will continue to consult with health professionals from the Allegheny County Health Department, as well as the District's COVID Working Group.



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<b>Masks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Masks are <b>recommended</b> for unvaccinated individuals</li><li>● Masks are <b>not required</b> to be worn in school buildings</li><li>● Per Federal Order, masks <b>are required on school buses</b> until September 13, 2021</li><li>● The District will follow any mandates made regarding masks</li></ul>
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The District will follow any mandates regarding physical distancing</li></ul>



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<b>Hand Washing &amp; Respiratory Etiquette</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Best practices regarding the manner and frequency with respect to hand washing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be followed</li></ul>
<b>Cleaning &amp; Ventilation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The District will continue cleaning protocols established in the 2020-2021 school year</li><li>● Increased ventilation efforts will be continued via the HVAC system and opening windows when feasible</li><li>● Outdoor spaces will be utilized when feasible</li></ul>



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<b>Contract Tracing, Isolation, Quarantine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The District will continue to contact trace and consult with the Allegheny County Health Department with regard to identified cases of COVID</li><li>● The District will follow guidance and recommendations provided by the Allegheny County Health Department regarding quarantine and isolation</li><li>● The District <b>will not require</b> the quarantine for vaccinated individuals if they remain asymptomatic</li></ul>
<b>Diagnostic &amp; Screening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The District will continue to request daily wellness checks by parents and caregivers, as well as by all staff</li><li>● All individuals are asked to report positive cases of COVID to school nurses</li></ul>





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<b>Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to School Community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The District will continue to distribute information to staff and families regarding vaccination clinics</li><li>● The District <b>will not require</b> staff or students to be vaccinated</li></ul>
<b>Accommodations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Unique individual health needs will be addressed via an individual health plan, Individual Education Plan, and/or 504 Plan</li></ul>
<b>Coordination with State and Local Health Officials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● District administration will continue to meet and consult regularly with local health officials and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for updated information and guidance regarding the pandemic</li></ul>



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