



# Avonworth School District Health & Safety Plan Follow-Up 2021-2022

July 19, 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.



# Important Considerations Regarding the Health & Safety Plan

- The Health & Safety Plan is a requirement per the ARP.
- PDE is requiring districts to submit a plan by July 30, 2021.
- We are five weeks out until the start of the school year.
- As we continue to see with the pandemic, guidance and conditions change.
- We have learned throughout the pandemic to be flexible and adapt to changes.
- It is important to note that the plan as presented can change at any time. This is stated in the plan.



# Rationale for Current Health & Safety Plan

- As of June 28, there is no longer a mandate for masks in PA.
- The District has been operating since June 28 with masks being optional (summer programs, band camp, volleyball, basketball, football).
- Original mitigations were to protect the most vulnerable populations.
- Vaccination progress has been strong in Allegheny County with our most vulnerable having received vaccinations.
- Cases/100K and Percent Positivity Rates remain low in Allegheny County.
- New cases for the 5-12 age group have been consistently low.



CDC

- CDC has consistently pointed to the monitoring of two local data points:  
Cases/100k & Percent Positivity Rate
- The CDC's most recent update states:
  - Schools may consider universal masking based on the needs of the school on community, such as community transmission and vaccination coverage.
- Allegheny County, as of July 19, has the second highest vaccination rate in the state at **66.1%**
- Allegheny County's cases/100k have been consistently between **5-10 cases/100k with a percent positivity rate between 1% - 2%.**



CDC

- The CDC published a guide to consider the risk level for transmission in schools based on cases/100k and percent positivity rate in the community.
- Allegheny County remains at a low risk for transmission in schools based on this guide.

<b>Transmission Risk Level In Schools</b>	<b>Cases/100K Over 14 Days</b>	<b>Percent Positivity Rate Over 14 Days</b>
Lowest Risk Level	< 5	< 3%
Lower Risk Level	5 - < 20	3% - < 5%



# Recommendation

- Consider the following metrics over a rolling 14-day period when considering a change in policy or procedure for the 2021-2022 school year
  - Allegheny County Cases/100K
  - Allegheny County Percent Positivity Rate
  - Case and Quarantine Numbers in Buildings



# Quarantine Recommendations

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# K-6 Support for Students in Quarantine

- **Grades K-6 Recommendation:**

- **Hire two additional building substitute teachers dedicated to quarantine support**
  - **One for the Primary Center**
  - **One for the Elementary School**

## Responsibilities

### When students are in quarantine:

- Utilize Google Meets to connect with students in quarantine
- Whole group meetings set up for general check-in, adjusting schedule, activities
- Connect with grade level teachers for background on daily content and lessons
- Provide mini-lessons, answer questions, provide support

### If no students are in quarantine:

- Teacher will be utilized to substitute where needed to fill in for unfilled teacher absences
- Teacher will be assigned to support small groups during intervention times
- Teacher will be utilized to support instruction and students in classrooms



# 7-12 Support for Students in Quarantine

- **Grades 7-12 :**
  - **Work is provided via Google Classroom or Echo**
  - **Quarantine list sent to teachers daily**
  - **Grades 9-12:**
    - **Teachers available via google meet during Lead to connect with students for questions/support**
    - **Teachers connect with students via email**
  - **Grades 7-8:**
    - **Teachers available via google meet during team time to connect with students for questions/support**
    - **Teachers connect with students via email**