

# SDST Health and Safety Plan

## School District of Springfield Township

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**Initial Effective Date: March 16, 2022**

**Date of Last Review: March 15, 2022**

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

**Springfield Township plans to continue in-person instruction five days per week in the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year. The district will continue regular communication and consultation as needed with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health to ensure our strategies, policies and procedures are in alignment with county, state and federal recommendations to the extent feasible. Our team has implemented strategies to maintain effective mitigation strategies in our buildings and offices for the continued health and safety of our students and staff. These strategies include modifying learning spaces to allow for social distancing, adjusting transportation and food services practices to increase the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing, training of all staff and students on hygiene protocols, and regular meetings of our Health and Safety Team comprised of school nurses, clinical team members, and administration.**

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?

**Springfield Township will provide in-person and virtual services related to students' academic, social, emotional, behavioral, health and food services needs to the greatest extent feasible. Should transmission levels in the community or specific schools or classroom cohorts increase to levels that warrant greater mitigation, SDST will respond. We will continue to communicate with county health officials to ensure our plans reflect best practices and will update protocols and procedures as needed.**

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.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p><b>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and will consider CDC recommendations for appropriate and correct wearing of masks based upon COVID-19 community levels, as listed on our <u>dashboard</u>.</p> <p>SDST will follow any mandates and directives of the PA Department of Health and/or the Montgomery County Office of Public Health.</p> <p>Where conditions vary locally from regional, state or national conditions, the Board and the Superintendent will review CDC and MCOPH guidance and determine which is most applicable for our community.</p>
<p><b>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding) ;</b></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for modifying facilities to allow for social distancing.</p> <p><b>Instructional spaces:</b> Student desks will be physically distanced at three feet to the greatest extent feasible.</p> <p>Sneeze guards/plexiglass will be available as needed in spaces that create social distancing challenges.</p> <p>Unnecessary furniture will be removed from classrooms to support social distancing.</p> <p>Teacher spaces will be identified in each classroom to promote social distancing between adults and students.</p> <p><b>Common Areas, Offices, and other Non-Instructional Spaces:</b> Sneeze guards/plexiglass will be available as needed in spaces where social distancing is a challenge.</p> <p>Unnecessary furniture will be removed to support social distancing. Spaces will be arranged to support social distancing.</p>
<p><b>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</b></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p> <p>Proper technique for washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes will be reinforced with students and staff.</p>

	<p>Signs will be displayed in designated areas for students and staff with pictures and reminders to reinforce proper hygiene.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple locations throughout all facilities.</p> <p>Adequate supplies will be purchased and maintained at all facilities, including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and trash cans.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for cleaning and maintaining facilities, including improving ventilation.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> SDST has established protocols for cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects within the school daily, including door handles, sink handles, and drinking fountains.</p> <p>CDC best practices will be followed in our cleaning and disinfecting plans.</p> <p>High touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently throughout the day by custodial staff.</p> <p><b>Ventilation:</b> All filters will be replaced as appropriate to maintain healthy air flow.</p> <p>The HVAC system will be maintained to increase fresh air/ventilation run time to ensure purge per ASHRAE recommendations.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</u></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed the CDC recommendations for contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine.</p> <p>SDST will collaborate and consult with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health and follow their guidance with regard to conducting contact tracing, isolation and quarantine for infected and/or exposed individuals.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for diagnostic and screening testing.</p> <p>SDST will use a daily health screener for students and staff to self-report symptoms or exposure, as needed. When symptoms arise in students or staff, the recommendations of the MCOPH will be followed regarding testing at regional locations.</p>
<p>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school</u></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.</p>

<p><b><u>communities;</u></b></p>	<p>SDST will advertise opportunities for staff, students, and community members to get vaccinated through county providers and local medical establishments.</p> <p>SDST will pursue partnerships with county and local health organizations to offer vaccination clinics in school district facilities for students, staff, family members and the community, as needed.</p> <p>SDST will collaborate with the MCOPH to share educational materials on the COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<p><b>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;</b></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.</p> <p>Meetings for students with 504 Plans and IEPs will be arranged to discuss the risks to students and applicable accommodations will be provided to students. Supports and services will be provided to the greatest extent possible, and virtually if needed.</p> <p>Families for all other students will meet with the school nurse to determine appropriate accommodations for students as outlined by a medical professional. Virtual support will be available if needed.</p> <p>There will be flexible attendance policies in place to address absences due to COVID-19 and/or students at higher risks for severe illnesses, consistent with guidelines established by PDE.</p>
<p><b>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</b></p>	<p>SDST has reviewed and considered the CDC recommendations for coordination with state and local health agencies.</p> <p>SDST will continue to meet and consult as needed with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health.</p>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on March 15, 2022.

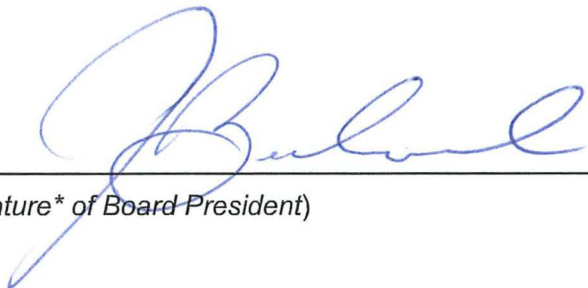
The plan was approved by a vote of:

☒ Yes

☐ No

Affirmed on: March 15, 2022

By:

  
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(Signature\* of Board President)

JEFF BEDARD  
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(Print Name of Board President)

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

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