



Health and Safety Plan



Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Pennsylvania STEAM Academy**

Initial Effective Date: August 11, 2021 (Pending Board Approval August 10, 2021)

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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?
 - **PA Steam will continuously monitor guidance, recommendations, and requirements at Federal and State levels. This includes Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), and Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Within the guidance of each of these entities, PA Steam will support prevention and mitigation policies through the Health and Safety Task Force comprised of school staff working in the areas of Administration, Education, Health and Safety, and Human Resources. The task force will support policy changes and communication through PA Steam.**
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?

- **PA Steam will establish alternative delivery models consistent with the requirements of PDE to ensure continuity of academic services to students impacted by health conditions. PA Steam support services including, but not limited to, counseling, special education and gifted support, will establish plans for providing services in any alternative delivery model. Non-Instructional support services including transportation, technology, and food services will also create plans for delivering service to students and families impacted by health conditions.**

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.

UNIVERSAL AND CORRECT WEARING OF MASKS	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Use of face coverings(masks or face shields) by staff, students and campus guests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The extent to which face coverings will be utilized will be based on requirements and guidance from the CDC, PADOH, PDE and local health officials.

MODIFYING FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for recommended separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The extent to which physical distancing strategies will be utilized will be based on requirements and guidance from the CDC, PADOH, PDE and local health officials. (Con't on next page)
Identifying and restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers.	
Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways.	

Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms.	
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HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implement hand washing routines and scheduled handwashing breaks
Posting Signs, highly visible locations that promote everyday protective measures and how to stop the spread of germs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signage shall include notices addressing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sanitizing and PPE Expectations for building entry ○ Notices in restrooms providing a reminder about proper handwashing techniques ○ Reminders about strategies to stay healthy

CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES (INCLUDING VENTILATION)	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting learning spaces, surfaces and any other areas used by students and staff(i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, cafeterias, common places and transportation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Standard cleaning efforts implemented with additional attention to sanitizing frequently touched surfaces(i.e door handles, water fountains, shared objects.) ● Regular monitoring of health and safety guidelines to determine cleaning frequency ● Update cleaning schedules and provide additional training for custodial staff as needed.

Other cleaning, sanitizing & disinfecting practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA Steam Academy will work with local transportation contracts to ensure regular cleaning is utilized for all school vans and buses. ● Food Service contractors will work collaboratively with PA Steam Academy to implement additional cleaning and serving protocols as needed. ● In-Person activities and programs shall adhere to cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Improving Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fans within the HVAC system will run continuously as appropriate to the current local health conditions.

CONTACT TRACING IN COMBINATION WITH ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Completing “Health Monitoring” process for individuals positive with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notification to the building Principal or designee ● Tracking on Individuals considered exposed and requiring quarantine based on the current Federal, State and Local Guidance. ● Notification to families of individuals considered exposed and requiring quarantine based on the current Federal, State and Local Guidance.
Isolating or Quarantining students, staff or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a designated Isolation room to limit exposure to others ● Triage procedures for individuals experiencing illness ● Prompt Dismissal of ill Student or Staff
Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students or visitors to school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Isolated or Quarantined individuals must obtain clearance to return to school.

Notifying staff, families and the public of school closures and within school-year changes in safety protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication will be provided via phone, email, and a notice posted to the website.
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Diagnostic and Screening Testing	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Monitoring Students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent communication on criteria for sending students to school and monitoring of illness • Self-Screening guidance provided to families and staff to limit the spread of COVID-19. • Monitoring student behavior to determine if symptoms become apparent during the day.
Other diagnostic and screening practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued collaboration of school Nurse to follow diagnostic and screening practices. • Other considerations as provided by the CDC, PDE and PDOH.

Efforts to Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations to School Communities	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Advertising area vaccination clinics through District Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide updates regarding vaccination eligibility and availability
Host vaccination clinics as available and needed by the school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As possible, and needed, by the school community coordinate with local providers to host vaccination clinics on site.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect for Health and Safety Policies	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special arrangements will be made for students and staff deemed to be high risk. Accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis and will be based on underlying issues.
Social and Emotional Wellness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of resources for students, staff and families. • Provision of in-school supports for students.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials	
STRATEGIES	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Engage in frequent communications with School Doctor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Federal, State and Local guidance with consultation of School Doctor.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **PA STEAM ACADEMY** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **AUGUST 10, 2021 (PENDING)**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **(AUGUST 10, 2021 (PENDING))**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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