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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022

The Health and Safety Plan addresses how CASA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

PDE's Health and Safety plan template includes the following components:

1. How the Local Education Agency (LEA) will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:
 - a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;
 - b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
 - c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
 - d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
 - e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State and local health departments;

- f. Diagnostic and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to school communities;
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy
- PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19
- PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders
- PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support
- PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School

Initial Effective Date: August 30, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 16, 2021

Date of Last Revision: August 16, 2021

**CDC and DOH guidance will be closely monitored. This plan can be altered at any time to increase or decrease mitigation efforts, if needed.*

- 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?**

CASA Charter School's goal is to open and remain open for full-time, in-person learning. CASA will frequently review and implement, to the greatest extent feasible, strategies that support mitigation and prevention from the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

- 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?**

CASA will continue to ensure continuity of services by addressing students' academic challenges, and all other needs. CASA will provide school health services along with free lunch for all students. Barriers to learning will be addressed through counseling services, academic support, advisory sessions, and other services through the Student Assistance Program. Students and staff members will continue to receive necessary training related to mental health, trauma, and other essential topics.

- 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
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	Consistent with current DOH/CDC guidelines, universal masking for all students, staff members, visitors, and vendors will be mandatory indoors (for the vaccinated and non-vaccinated) when the level of transmission in Dauphin County reaches substantial or

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	<p>high. When the level of transmission returns to low or moderate, masks <i>may</i> become optional, depending on conditions within the CASA community and surrounding counties, however, masks would still be <i>highly</i> recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated.</p>
<p>b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)</p>	<p>CASA's goal is to remain open full-time for in-person learning. Physical distancing will be encouraged, to the extent feasible and practical; however, it may be difficult in many classroom settings.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u></p>	<p>Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, restroom, and cafeteria. Students and staff will be educated via announcements and signage regarding appropriate hand washing procedures (at least four times per day, before and after touching face/nose, and before/after eating). https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html Students and staff members will be encouraged to stay home when sick.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u></p>	<p>CASA Charter School contracts with Harristown Property Services to provide maintenance and cleaning services to the facility. Throughout the year, the custodial team will clean all areas while disinfecting high-touch points daily. Cleaning times will be logged, monitored, and altered as needed. Harristown has procured the cleaning materials that meet OSHA and CDC guidelines. Those materials will be used throughout CASA Charter School. Teachers and staff will be trained so they are aware of how the school will be cleaned and sanitized. Staff members will also be trained on the safety and cleaning measures they need to take in their classrooms before, during, and after students are present.</p>

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e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments	CASA will continue to assist with contact tracing and will follow all guidelines set by the DOH/CDC relating to isolation and quarantine.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing	All staff members are required to self-screen at home. Parents are required to screen their child daily before school by using the screening checklist on the CASA website. Educational materials will be available to parents, students, and staff regarding signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If a student or staff member is sick, they are to remain home and contact the school nurse.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>	CASA will announce to students and families any vaccination clinics of which they are aware. CASA would potentially host a vaccination clinic if the opportunity presents itself. **All students and staff members are encouraged to get vaccinated. CASA requests that students who are vaccinated provide documentation to the school nurse.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	The school nurse and administration will request information from all students and staff members to determine who is at higher risk of infection. Additional accommodations will be made, if necessary. School teams will work with parents/guardians to ensure all needs are documented in IEPs and 504 plans.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials	CASA will communicate and work alongside local and state health officials as necessary.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 16, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

<u>7</u>	Yes
<u>0</u>	No
<u>1</u>	Absent

Affirmed on: **August 16, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Fina Salvo

(Print Name of Board President)

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