



## **Manheim Central School District Health and Safety Plan Summary**

**Initial Effective Date: December 13, 2022**

**Date of Last Revision: December 12, 2022**

**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?**

The Manheim Central School District was open for in-person learning for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. We implemented a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 school year using mitigation strategies supported by the CDC and PA Department of Health.

The Manheim Central School District will review and discuss recommendations for schools for the 2021-2022 school year from the PA Departments of Health and Education and other organizations, such as the CDC, and determine what our schools/school community needs to continue to do to remain open for in-person instruction during the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. If changes are necessary, we will update our plan as needed. At a minimum, our plan will be reviewed at least every six (6) months. The Manheim Central School District will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA Departments of Health and Education.

**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?**

Students, staff and families will continue to have access to our entire Student Services Team, including our nurses, school counselors, school psychologists, social workers, school based counseling, social worker, etc. In addition, we will continue to focus our efforts on closing achievement gaps resulting from the pandemic. Food services will continue to provide meals (breakfast and lunch) to our students and when needs arise, seek out alternative approaches to ensure that no students go hungry throughout the day. We will maintain our current configuration of three (3) certified school nurses and four (4) Licensed Practical Nurses to ensure that medical care/consultation is available to our students and staff. We will also review PDE's Evidence Resource Center (ERC) as we need strategies to continue services for students and staff. Finally, we are providing three learning options to Manheim Central families for the 2021-2022 school year: in-person learning (5 days a week), Manheim Central Virtual Academy (full-time or part time (HS) online learning 5 days a week) or Home Schooling.

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.

<b>ARP ESSER Requirement Strategies, Policies, and Procedures                      Manheim Central School District</b>	
<p><b>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b></p>	<p>District staff and students will not be required to wear face-coverings while at school unless it is required by an existing, valid, and binding order from the PA DOH or PDE. It will be acceptable, but not required, for someone who wishes to wear a face-covering, to do so in our schools and/or at district activities.</p> <p>Our students, employees, and community members have been instructed on the correct way of wearing face-coverings through the 2020-2021 school year. Nevertheless, the district will continue to instruct all stakeholders on the correct wearing of face-coverings, if they choose to wear one.</p> <p>The Manheim Central School District will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA Departments of Health and Education regarding facial coverings.</p> <p>We will review any recommendations from the CDC and determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation measures, to the greatest extent practicable based on our community/district needs.</p>
<p><b>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/ podding);</b></p>	<p>The District's goal is to resume pre-COVID measures in our schools and during school activities (classrooms, cafeterias, buses, athletic events, musical performances, etc.). All school buildings and offices will allow for full occupancy with no alterations, restrictions, or physical distancing measures as the District intends for all schools to be open for in-person instruction five (5) days a week.</p> <p>The Manheim Central School District will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA Departments of Health and Education regarding physical distancing.</p> <p>We will review any recommendations from the CDC and determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation measures, to the greatest extent practicable based on our community/district needs.</p>

<p><b>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:</u></b></p>	<p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette are always promoted and strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Soap or hand sanitizer will be made available at sinks, in bathrooms, classroom entrances, and wherever students/staff eat.</p>
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<p><b>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:</u></b></p>	<p>Buildings will be cleaned daily. The district uses COVID-19 specific EPA approved disinfectants.</p> <p>HVAC units in all buildings will be analyzed to determine if any additional work is needed to improve air quality and/or ventilation.</p>
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<p><b>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments:</u></b></p>	<p>The Manheim Central School District will adhere to any existing, valid and binding orders from the PA Departments of Health and Education regarding contact tracing, isolation and quarantining.</p> <p>We will review any recommendations from the CDC and determine if/how we can implement prevention and mitigation measures, to the greatest extent practicable based on our community/district needs.</p>
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<p><b>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing:</u></b></p>	<p>Parents/guardians/visitors are asked to monitor their student(s) at home and to conduct a symptom screening prior to the student arriving at school.</p> <p>Staff are asked to monitor themselves and conduct a symptom screening prior to arriving at work.</p> <p>Information pertaining to diagnostic testing across the county will be provided to staff, parents/guardians on an as-needed basis and/or as it is made available to the school systems.</p> <p>Our Health Services Team is always available to answer questions for students, staff and parents/guardians. In addition, they are available in our buildings to address any COVID-related questions/matters.</p>
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<p><b>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:</u></b></p>	<p>The Manheim Central School District will share information regarding vaccination opportunities with our school community when we receive information about such opportunities.</p>
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**h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and**

The Manheim Central School District will provide necessary accommodations for students, as deemed appropriate by IEP and 504 teams with respect to health and safety policies on an individualized basis.

**i. Coordination with state and local health officials.**

The Manheim Central School District will coordinate with state and local health officials on an as-needed basis related to COVID matters.

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**Manheim Central School District Health and Safety Plan  
Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Manheim Central School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on December 12, 2022

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes 9  
No 0

Affirmed on

By: 

(Signature\* of Board President)

Michael Clair

(Print Name of Board President)

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

**Option A:** The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

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