

## Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Brockway Area School District**

Initial Effective Date: **August 23, 2021**

Date of Last Review: **July 9, 2024**

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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?

The Brockway Area School District will follow the health and safety protocols recommended by the CDC to the greatest extent possible in response to the effect of the pandemic on our district. These measures will be taken to ensure school will operate as normal as possible while taking reasonable precautions to safeguard the health of all students and staff. The district's administrative team will continue to collaborate with the Department of Health and the Jefferson County Emergency Services to ensure the district's Health and Safety Plan is updated as needed.

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?

With the exception of a few days of deep cleaning at the Jr/Sr High School, our two school buildings remained open for 180 days for face-to-face instruction during the 2021-2022 school year. All students continued to receive a quality education while meeting their medical and emotional needs. The school district also recognized the mental health concerns being experienced by our students and contracted a social worker from the Intermediate Unit. We continue to monitor and evaluate the learning loss experienced by our students and have implemented programs to meet their needs.

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.

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| a. Universal and correct wearing of | Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated will be recommended, not |

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| <p><u>masks</u>;</p>  | <p>required, to wear a protective face covering throughout the school day.</p> <p>Protective face coverings will be provided by the school district to students and staff upon request.</p> <p>Unless mandated by the PDE, CDC or PA DOH protective face coverings will not be required. The exception would be if COVID outbreaks are causing school to have temporary building closures.</p> <p>After temporary building closures for deep cleaning if COVID outbreaks cannot be mitigated, the district would strongly encourage or require the use of protective face coverings.</p>  |
| <p>b. <b>Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</b></p> | <p>Limit the use of restrooms, main office, and nurse's visits to one student at a time.</p> <p>Teachers will notify the main office and nurse's suite prior to sending any students.</p> <p>A staggered class period change can be implemented as needed.</p> <p>Desks and learning spaces will be separated in classrooms, computer labs, libraries, gymnasiums, cafeterias, and art rooms when feasible.</p> <p>Staggered locker visits and hallway transitions will be used as needed.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to practice social distancing to the greatest extent feasible within large common areas.</p> <p>Playground times will be assigned according to grade level to limit student interactions.</p> |
| <p>c. <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</b></p>  | <p>Educate and reinforce with students and staff the proper method of handwashing and covering of coughs and sneezes.</p>   |

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|   | <p>Handwashing will be encouraged prior and after lunch and recess.</p> <p>The school district will display various signs throughout hallways and classrooms of each building educating and reminding students and staff the importance of handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes.</p> <p>PPE items will be ordered as needed to support healthy hygiene.</p>   |
| <p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p> | <p>Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects routinely throughout the school day in both school buildings. (door handles, light switches, desks, handrails, etc.)</p> <p>Custodians are supplied with walkie-talkies to ensure immediate response to any urgent need for rapid cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>The school district installed 145 PH balanced antimicrobial foam soap stations for students and staff.</p> <p>The school district purchased eight electrostatic sprayers to assist with the disinfection process.</p> <p>Drinking fountains with touchless water dispensers are available for use in both buildings. Students will be encouraged to use water bottles.</p> <p>Clean and disinfect touched surfaces on buses daily. Contractors will have the opportunity to use the electrostatic sprayers after each bus run.</p> <p>Open windows and doors as much as possible to increase air circulation.</p> <p>Ventilation systems will be routinely checked.</p> |



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|  | <p>Dehumidification of classrooms using individual units will be utilized.</p> <p>Wall mounted hand sanitizing stations are found in every classroom for students and staff.</p> <p>Each outside doorway entrance and other high traffic areas will have a hand sanitizing station available.</p> <p>The school district will continue to display signs above each sanitizing station in high traffic areas stating, "Please sanitize before entering and exiting."</p> <p>The elementary building will have a hand sanitizing station in each specific grade level hallway that students and staff will utilize.</p>   |
| <p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p> | <p>The school district will close off areas used by an ill staff member or student and clean and disinfect before reuse.</p> <p>ill students or staff members will be safely transported home per established procedures.</p> <p>Open communication will be maintained while the isolated individual is quarantined.</p> <p>Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms, should follow guidance from the CDC. The CDC no longer recommends that individuals quarantine when exposed to positive cases of COVID-19.</p> <p>The nurse, principal and administrative staff will work collaboratively with state and local health departments.</p> <p>The school's administrative team along with the Jefferson County Department of Health will follow contact tracing and quarantine mandates.</p> |

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| f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;  | <p>Recommend all students and staff to conduct daily health screening prior to attending school. (temperature and symptom screening)</p> <p>Encourage students and staff to remain at home if ill.</p> <p>All individuals are strongly encouraged to notify the school of an absence related to COVID-19 symptoms, close contact with a COVID-19 positive person or a positive COVID-19 test.</p> <p>Visitors staying beyond 15 minutes will complete a health screening and temperature check upon entering the building.</p> |
| g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;  | <p>The BASD has taken into consideration the guidance and recommendations from the CDC in relation to providing vaccinations to school communities.</p> <p>The school district will continue working with Penn Highlands of DuBois to host additional vaccination clinics for students, staff, and community members as needed.</p>  |
| h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and | <p>The school district in collaboration with the parents/guardians will explore all requests for accommodations for students with disabilities.</p> <p>Appropriate accommodations will be provided in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.</p>  |
| i. Coordination with state and local health officials.   | <p>Continue to communicate on a regular basis with local and state authorities to determine mitigation levels in our community.</p> <p>During the 2020-2021 school year the school district attended bi-weekly meetings with Tracy Zents, Director of the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Services, for COVID-19</p>  |

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|                       | <p>updates. The district will continue attending any scheduled meetings to make the best decisions for our students and staff.</p> <p>The school district will continue to work in coordination with the Department of Health as they provide guidance relative to COVID-19 or any future health and safety matters meant to protect our school community.</p> |

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Brockway Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 9, 2024**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **July 9, 2024**

By:



(Signature\* of Board President)

EDWARD YANNER

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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