



Health and Safety Plan Summary: **New Story Schools**

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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?

New Story Schools followed guidance and recommendations related to safe school reopening from the CDC, PDE, and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We plan to implement the revised guidance from these organizations to support full in-person instruction in the 2021-2022 school year. Layers of mitigation efforts that New Story School will employ include universal masking, social distancing, enhanced cleaning & ventilation, increased use of outdoor space for instruction & activities, and continued vigilance with hand-washing and other respiratory etiquette.

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?

New Story Schools will be returning to a full in-person instructional model in the 2021-2022 school year. Students receiving specially designed instruction and related services through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will continue to receive academic and behavioral supports outlined in their IEPs. New Story Schools will continue to provide counseling and mental health supports in school, as well as collaboration with community-based providers.

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 masks ;	<p>New Story Schools will continue to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidance on use of masks. For the 2021-2022 SY, face covering will continue to be required for all students and all staff with these exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When eating or drinking and spaced 6 feet or more apart• If unable to wear a face covering due to medical condition or disability. <p>Continued training & professional development will be provided to support students and staff with correct mask wearing.</p>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	<p>New Story Schools will continue to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidance on physical distancing requirements in schools to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Modifications for the 2021-2022 SY will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom space will be configured to allow for 3ft of separation between student desks, to the maximum extent feasible• Outdoor spaces will be used for instruction and activities when possible.• Additional spaces indoors & outdoors will be identified to allow for physical distancing during meals & recess.• Water fountains will not be available. Students will be encouraged to bring water from home, and bottles of water will be provided as needed. Water coolers may be used to fill water bottles.• Restriction of nonessential visitors will be implemented when the county transmission levels increases to substantial or high levels.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	<p>Students and staff will continue to have training on proper hand washing, and appropriate sneezing & coughing etiquette to minimize the spread of respiratory infections. Visual cues and</p>

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	reminders are placed throughout the building and bathrooms. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be available in every classroom, office, and throughout the building.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	New Story Schools will continue to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines and recommendations for cleaning & disinfection of the school building. Where available, New Story Schools have already upgraded our HVAC system with air purification and pathogen filtration systems.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	New Story Schools will continue to collaborate with the County Department of Public Health for contact tracing in each identified COVID-19 case. Potential exposures are notified as soon as possible, and New Story Schools will continue to comply with Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines regarding need for quarantine & duration.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	New Story Schools will continue to require all students and staff to complete daily self-monitoring for symptom screening.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	New Story Schools encourage eligible staff, students and visitors to obtain the vaccine.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	New Story Schools will make appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities based on the student's IEP, in conjunction with requirements outlined by the student's medical physician.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	New Story Schools will continue to collaborate with state and local health officials throughout the 2021-2022 school year.