

Neshaminy School District

COVID Health and Safety Plan

ESSER Template

2022/2023

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- 1. How will the School District, 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 Neshaminy Health and Safety Plan was developed in cooperation with the Bucks County Department of Health and other Bucks County School Districts.

It is informed by guidance from the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

As articulated by the CDC in early July, prevention and mitigation strategies are not a “One-size-fits-all” situation. As such, Neshaminy will continue to prioritize in-person learning of all students now and in the future as we work to move from a Pandemic to an Endemic state of COVID. Neshaminy has been operating schools for in-person learning since October of 2020 in a Hybrid Model. Neshaminy successfully and safely began in-person learning for all students Grade K-4 in November 2020 and then all students Grade 5-12 in April 2021.

District Administration will continue to work with local health authorities on necessary strategies in harmony with circumstances locally in accordance with School Board Policy 203 – Immunization and Communicable Diseases.

The Neshaminy School District will comply with any required Pennsylvania or Federal Court/Agency Orders.

2. How will the School District 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?

The Neshaminy School District will provide in-person instruction during the 2022-2023 school year very similar to pre-pandemic conditions. The Neshaminy School District Virtual Academy will be available to students who are unable to attend in-person school.

Neshaminy will remain positioned to quickly pivot between in-person instruction, virtual/remote instruction, and hybrid instruction if necessitated by local conditions. Additionally, the Neshaminy School District will comply with any required Pennsylvania or Federal Court/Agency Orders.

Neshaminy will provide the following academic, social, emotional and behavioral supports:

- Neshaminy will implement with fidelity the MTSS Academic/Social/Behavioral Support Model in Grades K-5.
- Neshaminy will use Universal Screeners in Reading and Math in Grades K-5.
- After and before school academic help will be available at middle schools and high school.
- Neshaminy will continue to provide student and parents access to social workers, counselors, school psychologists and behavioral specialists.
- Neshaminy will continue to provide additional supports to meet the needs of special populations, through the IEP/504 process and/or through our multi-tiered system of support.
- Neshaminy will continue to provide training, time, support, and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for successful instruction via the Staff Developer/Instructional Coach Model.
- Neshaminy will continue to provide proactive, clear communication to all families and staff.
- Neshaminy will continue offering resources to staff such as the Employee Assistance Plan.

3. Explain how the School District will maintain the health and safety of students and 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 Funding Requirement | Strategies, Policies, and Procedures |
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| Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks for students will be an individual student/parent choice in schools. • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |
| Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> ; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no distancing requirements. • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |
| <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer will continue to be readily available at the entrance to all classrooms/common areas along with being spaced throughout all hallways. • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |
| <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u> ; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neshaminy has installed Bi-Polar Ionization Ventilation Systems in all schools/facilities. • Each classroom will continue to be supplied with disinfectant and tri-fold paper towels for frequent desk cleaning. • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |
| <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/Staff testing Positive for COVID will be excluded from school/work in accordance with local health department guidelines. • The BC DoH and/or the Superintendent may recommend temporary disease mitigation strategies in an effort to maintain in-person instruction to the maximum extent possible. • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |
| <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u> ; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neshaminy Nursing Staff will assess symptomatic students on an individual basis and advise parents accordingly. • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |
| Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neshaminy will leave such endeavors up to the parents |
| Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neshaminy will continue to meet those needs through the IEP/504 process and the multi-tiered system of support model. Neshaminy ensures the individualized health and safety plan for each student via Special Education Supervisory Staff, IEP Case Managers and School Counselors. |
| Coordination with state and local health officials. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Policy 203 governs future decisions |