

Neshaminy School District

COVID Health and Safety Plan

2021/2022

- 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's Health and Safety Plan was developed in cooperation with 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. School Districts should work with local health authorities on necessary strategies in harmony with circumstances locally.

As such, Neshaminy will continue to work in coordination with the Bucks County Department of Health and other local partners to monitor COVID conditions specific to our locality adjusting the prevention and mitigation strategies as warranted by such conditions.

This document represents the necessary prevention and mitigation strategies – as indicated by the Bucks County Department of Health – based on the conditions in mid-July with 6 weeks remaining until the start of school on September 1.

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 2021-2022 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.

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 behavior 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.

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<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>Presently, there is not a Universal Masking Order in place and the COVID Incidence Rate is less than 10 per 100,000 in the Commonwealth and the County.</p> <p>The Bucks County Department of Health (BC DoH) states mandatory masking is not necessary under the present conditions.</p> <p>Therefore, face coverings will be optional for all individuals in/on Neshaminy Facilities, Schools, Buses and Campuses.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</p>	<p>Neshaminy will continue to rely on guidance from BC DoH to design safe instructional spaces and workspaces for all individuals.</p> <p>Presently, the plan is to return classrooms, buses, locker, lunchrooms, etc. to the pre-pandemic configuration of September 2019.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>All individuals will continue to be encouraged and reminded to sanitize or wash their hands on a frequent basis.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the entrance to all classrooms/common areas along with being spaced throughout all hallways.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Neshaminy has installed Bi-Polar Ionization Ventilation Systems in all schools/facilities.</p> <p>Each classroom will be supplied with disinfectant and tri-fold paper towels for frequent desk cleaning.</p> <p>Neshaminy staff will continue to clean all surfaces on a daily basis.</p> <p>Transportation staff will perform cleaning of high-touch surfaces on vehicles nightly.</p>

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<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Neshaminy will continue to work with the BC DoH for all COVID-19-related case investigations and contact tracing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BC DoH will no longer require individuals to report a positive COVID-19 test result or exposure to a positive case. Therefore, no individual will be required to make such reports to Neshaminy and/or to the BC DoH. • The BC DoH will no longer require Neshaminy to report positive COVID-19 test results of individuals to the BC DoH. Therefore, no such reports will be made by Neshaminy to the BC DoH. • The BC DoH may recommend temporary disease mitigation strategies (such as increased physical distancing, masking, etc.) in an effort to maintain in-person instruction to the maximum extent possible. Neshaminy will follow any such recommendations made by the BC DoH. • The BC DoH will no longer issue isolation orders, quarantine orders, or modified quarantine orders related to COVID-19. • The BC DoH will not require Neshaminy to notify close contacts of any positive case. Therefore, Neshaminy will not make these notifications. • The BC DoH will not require Neshaminy to notify any individual, classroom, school, or community of any positive case of COVID-19. Therefore, no such communications will be sent. • A Neshaminy COVID Dashboard will not be maintained. • Students/Staff experiencing symptoms of illness should stay at home and not report to school/work. Students/Staff should follow pre-pandemic absentee/attendance procedures.
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>The BC DoH is no longer offering free COVID-19 testing for students or school staff.</p> <p>Neshaminy will continue to educate all individuals on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Neshaminy Nursing Staff will assess symptomatic students on an individual basis and advise parents accordingly.</p>

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<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>Neshaminy will assess the needs to provide on-site vaccination clinic for students. However, based on the availability of the vaccine and the age of those yet-to-be vaccinated, such an endeavor might best be left in the parents' realm of responsibility.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies;</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Neshaminy will continue to participate in forums facilitated by Dr. Hoffman of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit.</p> <p>Additionally, Neshaminy will work directly with Dr. Damsker, Director of the Bucks County Department of Health as circumstances/conditions change throughout the school year.</p>