



Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School

ARP ESSER: Health and Safety Plan

The Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School (LVDLCS) Health and Safety Plan outlines our school's instructional and non- instructional school reopening activities for the 2022-2023 school year and was developed after reviewing local district Health and Safety Plans. After reviewing local plans the LVDLCS Health and Safety Plan was tailored to meet our unique school's needs.

The plan has categorized reopening into three broad phases: substantial spread, minimal/moderate spread, or low/no spread. These designations signal how counties and/or regions may begin easing some restrictions on school, work, and social interactions. Depending upon the public health conditions in the counties we serve, there could be additional actions, orders, or guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) designating the counties we serve as being in the substantial spread, minimal/moderate spread, or low/no spread phase. There may be times that the counties we serve may not experience a straight path from these designated phases. Instead, cycling back and forth between less restrictive to more restrictive designations may occur as public health indicators improve or worsen in our local area. The LVDLCS Health and Safety Plan accounts for changing conditions to ensure fluid transition from more to less restrictive conditions in each of the phase requirements as needed.

Initial Effective Date: June 23, 2020 (Board of Trustees Approval and Submission to PDE)

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TYPE OF REOPENING

Based on your county's current designation and local community needs, which type of reopening has your school entity selected?

Total reopen for all students and staff.

Scaffolded reopening: Some students are engaged in in-person learning, while others are distance learning specific to if outbreaks are occurring in clusters in the school (i.e., some grade levels in-person, other grade levels remote learning).

Blended reopening that balances in-person learning and remote learning for all students (i.e., alternating week hybrid and in-person schedule).

Total remote learning for all students. (Plan should reflect future action steps to be implemented and conditions that would prompt the decision as to when schools will re-open for in-person learning).

Anticipated launch date for in-person learning (i.e., start of blended, scaffolded, or total reopening): August 28, 2023

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LVDLCS will implement key prevention strategies as detailed below

- **Physical Distancing** – Physical distancing as a prevention strategy will be dependent upon the level of community spread in the counties served by LVDLCS and may will be based upon the spread level within the community and within our school building.
 - **High Spread** – Social distancing as appropriate and feasible between students in classrooms, Student cohorting will be recommended when possible.
 - **Medium Spread** – Social distancing as appropriate and feasible between students in classrooms
 - **Low Spread** – Social distancing not applicable
- **Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks for students and staff** – The wearing of masks at LVDLCS will follow the most current guidelines set forth by the CDC, PA DOH, and PDE understanding that these guidelines may change throughout the school year and will be based upon the spread level within the community and within our school building.
- **Contact Tracing / Isolation / Quarantine** – LVDLCS will implement the following practices when a student, staff member, or visitor becomes sick at school:
 - Monitor absenteeism for concerns
 - All stakeholders are encouraged to remain home if exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms.
 - If a student or staff exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 they go to the nurse’s office to assess symptoms. The nurse will provide a mask and contact the parent/guardian to pick up the student.
 - LVDLCS will follow current CDC isolation recommendations if a student tests positive for Covid-19.

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(Contact Tracing / Isolation / Quarantine – Con't)

- Symptomatic individuals who do not receive a COVID test can return to school if not tested when fever free (without medication) and symptom free for 24 hours.
- LVDLCS will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use upon request in the classroom(s) or when a student becomes ill.
- LVDLCS will report, weekly, all COVID-19 positive cases to the PA Department of Health through the PA Department of Education reporting tool as required and will discontinue reporting if requirement is discontinued.
- **Diagnostic and Screening Testing** – LVDLCS will provide all stakeholders with available sites for diagnostic testing. LVDLCS is not currently administering individual stakeholder screening.
- **Vaccine Efforts** – LVDLCS has provided the opportunity for all staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, we communicate available vaccine sites with our stakeholders that are currently eligible for the vaccine. As new age groups are added to the vaccine approval, information will be shared with all stakeholders.
- **Protecting Vulnerable Students and Staff at High Risk for Severe Illness**
 - Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness
 - ❖ Staff will have the opportunity to identify as high risk so that appropriate, individualized accommodations can be arranged
 - ❖ Students will have the opportunity to identify as high risk throughout the school year so that appropriate, individualized accommodations can be arranged. These may include in-room social distancing with additional personal protective gear.

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(Protecting Vulnerable Students and Staff at High Risk for Severe Illness - Con't)

- Use of face coverings by all staff
 - ❖ The wearing of masks will follow the most current guidelines set forth from the CDC and the PA DOH. In addition, LVDLCS specific weekly case count will be considered when making decisions about masking.
- Use of face coverings by students as feasible
 - ❖ The wearing of masks will follow the most current guidelines set forth from the CDC and the PA DOH. In addition, LVDLCS specific weekly case count will be considered when making decisions about masking.
- Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals
 - ❖ Allow and early arrival/departure/transition for vulnerable students to/from building and classroom
 - ❖ Social distance of 3 – 6 feet from the rest of the students in class as feasible
 - ❖ Continue use of classroom air purifiers and increased filter strength of the heating/cooling system
- **Behavioral Health Supports**
 - Employees have access to health support through their employee benefits plan. In addition, they have access to the school social worker who can provide assistance in finding additional support through outside community services.
 - Students and families have access to the LVDLCS Student Assistance Program and the school social worker who can provide support and also provide assistance in identifying outside community service organizations that can provide support.

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Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School reviewed and approved the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan on February 21, 2023

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: August 22, 2023

By:

Claudia Parrales

President, Board of Trustees

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