

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School

Initial Effective Date: 8/8/2020

Date of Last Review: 7/27/2021

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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?

Since January 2021 staff and members of the school community have been notified of opportunities to be vaccinated. Southwest Leadership has promoted and participated in Town Halls to increase the community's knowledge and answer questions about the available vaccines. We have strongly encouraged all eligible members of the school community to get vaccinated.

We have a policy of optional masking while inside the building, on school buses (with the exception of two weeks at the beginning of the year, and returning from extended breaks)

All staff members are tested weekly for COVID-19 and symptomatic students are tested on site with parental permission.

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?

Southwest Leadership has committed to providing continuity of services to all members of the school community. We will continue to offer Related Services for students with IEPs, counseling services to students and staff as appropriate as well as community wide efforts to address emotional and mental health needs.

We offer health screenings as well as breakfast and lunch to all students.

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.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	During the first two weeks of the school year and following extended breaks, all staff, students, and visitors will be required to wear face coverings over their

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	nose and mouth when near others and in common areas except when eating or drinking.
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle filling stations have been installed throughout the buildings. . • Students will not share regular materials. • Art and music teachers will make every effort to not have students share. If sharing is unavoidable, materials will be sanitized between uses. • We will continue with Chromebooks and iPads so that we will be 1:1 in K-8th Grade • Touchless Hand Sanitizer dispensers throughout the buildings. • Recess for all students every day, not connected to lunches. •
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent handwashing especially before meals. • Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the buildings. • Mandatory mask wearing whenever not eating or drinking.
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will be sanitized throughout the day and disinfected every other night. • We have purchased the Halo Disinfection System for every other night disinfection use and SaniSpray for use throughout the school day. • High touch areas will be cleaned at regular intervals. • Bathrooms will be cleaned at least 4 times during the school day. • Classrooms will be wiped down whenever students are out of the room. • All classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized each evening.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and music teachers will make every effort to not have students share. If sharing is unavoidable, materials will be sanitized between uses. • Building Engineer will provide Maintenance Staff training on use of devices.
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have medical assistants at both buildings to assist with morning screenings and to supervise students in isolation. • According to CDC guidelines, if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID 19 the student or staff member would need to quarantine for at least 10 days. • We will complete contact tracing in collaboration with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to assess the possibility of infection within the school community. • Students or staff will need to be cleared by a physician to return to school. • Following PDPH Guidance: Students, staff, and educators who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and who are not fully vaccinated should receive diagnostic testing and should mask for 10 days. Any close contacts who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 or who have symptoms should begin isolation regardless of vaccination status or prior infection. • After testing positive, 5 days of isolation followed by 5 days of masking.

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f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with Philadelphia Department of Public Health to provide testing to staff and students. • All staff members are tested weekly for COVID-19. • Symptomatic students are tested on site with parental permission.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	Beginning in January 2021, Southwest Leadership has provided regular notification to the school community regarding opportunities for vaccination and education with regard to the vaccine.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Accommodations for students or others with complex needs will be created in partnership with families and medical professionals.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	School nurse and School Leader maintain contact with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Health and adhere to guidance and directives from both.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **September 10, 2022** .

The plan was approved by a vote of:

5 Yes
0 No

Affirmed on: **September 10, 2022**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

William Daniel Moore

(Print Name of Board President)

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