



Health and Safety Plan Policies, Guidelines, Procedures, and Expectations

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Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Bald Eagle Area School District

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1. How will the LEA, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely provide in-person learning in the district facilities and grounds.

The Bald Eagle Area School District will continue to utilize guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and health partners in the region to inform decisions for health and safety planning.

- The Bald Eagle Area School District will follow all federal, state, and local mandates for the safe in-person learning, including requirements for ridership on all school operated vehicles.
- Custodial staff will follow all protocols in cleaning and disinfecting of buildings prior to opening on a regular basis. Custodial staff will follow a checklist to verify when all areas have been cleaned which will be monitored by the Director of Facilities Operations.
- The District will adhere to CDC, PDE, and DOH guidelines for COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting.
- Bald Eagle Area will use current suppliers for the 2025-2026 school year. These vendors meet the requirements set by the CDC for COVID cleaning and disinfecting.

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?

The Bald Eagle Area School District will operate a summer program for students during the summer of 2026 for students identified with potential learning loss. Additionally, Extended School Year (ESY) will be made available to identified students.

Students and families have access to behavioral health supports including school counselors, school psychologist, and a licensed counselor. Additionally, students and parents may access the Safe2Say reporting tool and Student Assistance Program when needed. Restorative Practices has become a valuable day-to-day strategy used with Bald Eagle students.

Employees will have access to the Employee Assistance Program.

The District will continue to operate Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for students throughout the 2025-26 school year with interventions in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, positive behavior support programs, special education programs and services, and programs specialized to meet the needs of students with social, emotional, and/or mental health needs.

Instruction and accompanying services will be individualized and customized as much as possible, using district staff to best support all students.

Procedures related to Health and Safety Plan*

*Health and Safety Plan procedures are subject to change following the CDC and DOH guidelines/requirements.

Health and Safety

A. Staying Home When Sick

Students and employees who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. Testing is recommended for those with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after symptoms begin. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19, to other people.

B. Masking and Physical Distancing

Masking is optional for students and faculty. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask should be supported in their decision to do so.

Physical distancing will return to pre-pandemic layout inasmuch as possible. Specific requirements related to Masking and Physical Distancing of students and staff on school property including transportation vehicles will strongly consider recommendations from the CDC.

C. Handwashing Etiquette

Washing hands can prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Students and staff are encouraged to wash hands or sanitize – especially prior to breakfast or lunch. Students and staff should have opportunities to wash hands throughout the day and will always have the option to wash hands when it is requested.

D. Quarantine Protocols

People ill with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate at home for 5 days. If a person is ill with COVID-19 and has a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, he/she should stay home and isolate from others until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medication) and their symptoms are improving overall.

Quarantine is no longer recommended for people who are exposed to COVID-19.