New Day Charter School

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A Pennsylvania Department of Education Approved Charter School.

Preliminary Health and Safety Plan

New Day Charter School 2024-2025

***This will be reviewed and provided to our board for approval on August 15, 2024, it will posted at the following URL - http://newdaycs.org**

Initial Effective Date: August 20, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 18, 2022

Date of Last Revision: August 18, 2022

Date of Last review: October 17, 2024

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?

The NDCS will continue to implement, to the maximum extent possible, prevention and mitigation efforts that are aligned with the health and safety guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education in order to ensure a safe opening of our school, to include any summer programming and re-entry into school for the 2024-2025 school year. NDCS will collaborate with other local school districts and department of health personnel that are available as a resource to ensure current knowledge and application of CDC practices, to the maximum extent possible.

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 NDCS will continue to monitor the allocation of resources to students and families while the students are in school and at home. The school will use ESSER funds to address the learning

needs of our students academically, socially, and emotionally. 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;	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, during periods of high community levels, NDCS recommends masks to be worn indoors by all staff and students who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. The school will collaborate with local and state department of health officials, as needed, to determine any large-scale need for universal wearing of face masks and will enforce any state mandated orders pertaining to face masks.
B. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, NDCS will promote physical distancing to the maximum extent possible.
C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, NDCS will promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette by continuing to display signs/education materials. The school will also make public service announcements to staff and students to promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette, and encourage all affiliated family members to promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette when practicable and appropriate.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, NDCS will continue to assess and replace HVAC filters when necessary. The school will provide cleaning and sanitizing solutions and materials to classrooms and employees for cleaning as needed and provide routine cleaning of facilities and classrooms by employees.
E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the school will abide by, to the maximum extent possible, any contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine requirements issued by the Center for Disease Control/Pennsylvania Department of Health/Pennsylvania Department of Education.
F. Diagnostic and screening testing;	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the NDCS will promote diagnostic and symptom screening by parents/students/employees who are symptomatic or have suspicion of COVID- 19 exposure prior to arriving at the school.
G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	NDCS will promote local vaccination clinic sites to allow NDCS families, including students and staff, and the surrounding community to receive a COVID-19 vaccination if warranted or contacted by the state department of health. NDCS participated with our local health care provider to provide vaccinations to staff January 15, 2021. Booster vaccines were also made available February 2021. Scheduling additional boosters were the responsibility of the staff.
H. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, NDCS will provide reasonable accommodations, as

with respect to health and safety policies; and	appropriate, to students with disabilities with respect to health and safety protocols.
I. Coordination with state and local health officials.	As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, NDCS will actively participate in collaborative efforts with local and state health officials who desire coordination related to responses to the pandemic.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for New Day Charter School will review and consider approval of the Health and Safety Plan on October 17, 2024

The plan was approved by a vote of:

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Affirmed on: October 17, 2024

By:

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(*Signature* of Board President*)

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(*Print Name of Board President*)