

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS 7/27/2021

REVISION APPROVED BY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS 8/10/2021

REVISIONS AS PER ACTING SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF THE COMMONWEALTH SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE AFFIRMED 4/26/22

PRESENTED ON PUBLIC BOARD AGENDA - HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN ON JULY 26, 2022

PRESENTED ON PUBLIC BOARD AGENDA - HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN ON AUGUST 23, 2022

PRESENTED AT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING - HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN ON AUGUST 22, 2023



Methacton School District

2023-2024 Health and Safety Plan

This Health and Safety Plan will be for the 2023-2024 school year and will address the instructional program.

The Methacton School District will open for in-person instruction, 5-days per week as per the Board approved school calendar, for all students in kindergarten through grade 12 for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board of School Directors adopt the following:

- The district's primary focus is to provide in person instruction for students in grades K-12*.
- Provide continuous reinforcement to follow physician instructions if symptomatic.
- The Board of school directors authorize the Board President and Superintendent to complete, sign, and submit any forms associated with the reporting/compliance of this health and safety plan as necessary.

*** A requirement to modify our instructional model is defined as a mandate from PDE/PaDoH/MCOPH.**

Point of Contact – Dr. David Zerbe

Q1 - How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

- THE DISTRICT will review guidance, recommendations, and mandates from the CDC, PDE, PaDoH, and MCOPH.
- The DISTRICT will conduct student and staff health and wellness measures within the applicable Board policies and recommend that students and staff seek physician care/instruction following presentation of symptoms commonly associated with COVID.
- THE DISTRICT will continue to foster communication and collaboration between Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, the Montgomery County Department of Public Health, and our district partners as needed.
- THE DISTRICT has developed and will implement a multi layered approach with the implementation of mitigation strategies prior

to changing instructional delivery model whenever feasible.

- THE DISTRICT has adopted the following Layered Mitigation strategies:
 - Handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes
 - Regular cleaning/spraying of high touch areas as needed

Q2 - 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 District is planning for full in-person learning for the 2023-2024 school year. Should a mandated reduction in attendance or closure occur, THE DISTRICT will seamlessly transition to one of the following:
 - Reduction in attendance and full closure - we will operate synchronously 5 days per week K-12.
 - THE DISTRICT will use the 2022-2023 continuity of instruction plan that can be found here (see [Continuity of Instruction Plan](#))

Q3 - How will the LEA 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?

- The DISTRICT will discuss and consider recommended best practices/mandates per the PDE/PaDoH/MCOPH/CDC to the extent they are feasible.

AREA 1 - HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Item	Low/Moderate	High
Hygiene practices for students and staff which include the manner and frequency of hand-washing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home when sick practice encouraged. ● Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. 	
Hygiene practices for students and staff which include respiratory etiquette	<p>Students and staff will be encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. ● Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer every time you touch your mouth or nose. The District will: ● Provide tissues and no-touch receptacles for their disposal. ● Provide resources for performing hand hygiene in or near waiting areas. ● Provide space and encourage symptomatic patients to sit as far away from others as possible. 	

AREA 2 - APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES		
Item	Low/Moderate	High
In-person instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Normal attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a modified model is mandated, students with IEPs may have the opportunity to continue in-person learning based on their individual needs.
Accommodations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regardless of instructional model or transmission level, students with disabilities will be provided accommodations as needed to ensure access to a FAPE. 	

AREA 3 - COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS		
Item	Low/Moderate	High
MCOPH	The District will consider/review MCOPH recommendations.	

PDE/PaDoH/CDC	The District will continue to review guidance and make updates to best practices as needed.
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Athletics and Activities

Primary Point of Contact – Mr. John Smink

General Considerations

Students, coaches, game workers or spectators in attendance at an event (camp, clinic, practice, and contest) should be in good physical condition. Anyone feeling sick or experiencing Covid-19 symptoms should seek appropriate medical attention.

Pandemic Team

The pandemic Team meets monthly or as needed to review matters of health and safety with regards to students and staff.

Individual(s)	Stakeholder Group Represented
Dr. David Zerbe (Coordinator)	District Administration
Dr. Susan Angstadt	Pupil Services
Ché Regina	Assistant Superintendent
Tara Ricci	Professional Development
Doug Kenwood	District Facilities
Sandy Katz	Students
Colleen Heidel-Butler	Support Employees
Christopher Lloyd	Professional Employees
Derick DeNardo	Teamsters Employees
Katie Shireman	Home and School
Kathy Thompson	School Nurse (Sec)
Kelly Benarick	School Nurse (Elem)
Elizabeth Alston	School Board Director
John Smink	Secondary Staff and Students

Health and Safety Plan

Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on JULY 27, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

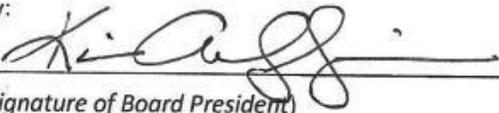
8 Yes Votes

0 No Votes

1 Member Absent

Affirmed on: JULY 27, 2021

By:



(Signature of Board President)

Kim Aubrey-Larcinese

(Print Name of Board President)

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Health and Safety Plan

Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT reviewed and approved the REVISION to the Health and Safety Plan on August 10, 2021.

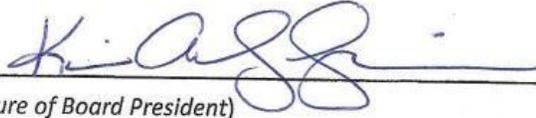
The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes

1 No

Affirmed on: 8/10/2021

By:



(Signature of Board President)

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Governing Body Affirmation

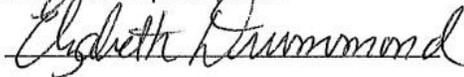
The Board of Directors/Trustees for Methacton School District reviewed and approved the revision to the Health and Safety Plan on April 26, 2022

REVISION APPROVED BY A VOTE OF:

8 YES

0 NO

Affirmed on April 26, 2022



Signature of Board President

Elizabeth Drummond

Print Name of Board President

Governing Body Notice

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Methacton School District were presented on public agenda the revisions to the Health and Safety Plan on July 26, 2022

Governing Body Notice

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Methacton School District were presented on public agenda the revisions to the Health and Safety Plan on AUGUST 23, 2022

Governing Body Notice

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Methacton School District were presented at a public meeting the planned revisions/update to the Health and Safety Plan on AUGUST 22, 2023