



Health and Safety Plan for Summit School of the Poconos, 2021-2022

This Health and Safety Plan addresses how Summit School of the Poconos will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the 2021-2022 school year. It is tailored to the unique needs of our school and is created in consultation with local, state, and national health agencies as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Feedback from the stakeholders of our school community has also been carefully considered in the creation of this policy.

Given the dynamic nature of the ongoing pandemic, we've aimed to incorporate enough prevention and mitigation practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to establish and maintain a full in-person instructional program for all students and staff throughout the 2021-22 school year while honoring our community's concerns.

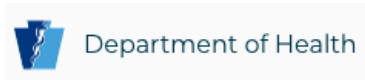
This Health and Safety Plan has been approved by our Board of Directors and posted on the school's publicly available website.

Summit School of the Poconos will review its Health and Safety Plan periodically and update as needed and in response to significant changes to the recommendations and/or mandates for K-12 schools. All revisions will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors prior to posting on our public website.

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Health and Safety Plan Summary: Summit School of the Poconos, 2021-2022

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Prevention and Mitigation Strategies for Continuous, Safe Operation of In-Person Learning

Summit School of the Poconos recognizes that operating our school program and facility safely and continuously in an in-person format while honoring the unique needs of our community will require us to maximize the effectiveness of indoor air quality turnover and filtration systems and to use outdoor spaces frequently.

Continuity of Services

While the safety of our students, staff, and families is our highest priority, we also aim to ensure to the greatest extent possible that our educational services are not disrupted this year by COVID-related outbreaks that could call for a switch to remote learning. We recognize that the ripple effect of such a closure would impact families, adult work schedules, and childcare provisions. In order to prevent such disruptions, we will maintain practices utilized in the spring of 2021, such as physical distancing, cleanliness, hand washing and/or sanitizing, reduced use of shared learning materials, regular ventilation, and filtering of indoor air. Additionally, in the event of an infection or outbreak, we will participate in contact-tracing and communicating appropriately.

CDC Safety Recommendation <i>(*ARP **ESSER Requirement)</i>	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
Universal and correct wearing of masks	<p>SSP will adhere to orders from any legally governing agency regarding face coverings in schools. Absent an order, students, staff, and all visitors will be required to wear face coverings in alignment with current CDC recommendations.</p> <p>Anyone who needs a mask break will be accomodated. SSP will continue to provide educational posters/signage encouraging proper mask wearing.</p> <p>SSP will continue to monitor the data and recommendations while staying in communication with our community of parents, students, and staff.</p>

	<p>It is a priority that SSP stays open for in-person instruction five days per week. We will reevaluate our mask policy as needed in order to help promote this.</p> <p>Please check with your transporting school district in regard to mask requirements on school buses. These requirements are outside of the purview of Summit School.</p>
<p>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</p>	<p>Students will be equipped with their own learning materials. Shared classroom materials will be sanitized after each use.</p> <p>Classroom seating charts will be used. Distance will be increased for unmasked activities including eating, drinking, and mask breaks.</p> <p>Outdoor spaces will be utilized frequently for fresh-air learning opportunities, including in winter months. Students should dress appropriately and/or leave winter clothing items at school for layering.</p> <p>Transitioning between rooms will be minimized and when groups of students must use hallways, they will do so in a staggered manner, with individual students spaced apart, to eliminate chances of crowding.</p> <p>To minimize increased exposure to persons outside each household, snacks and meals will be consumed in the Home Bases. Outdoor snack/meal time may be an option for consideration at each teacher’s discretion.</p> <p>Summit School student groups interchange as a valued component of our model. Because our population is small, we believe we can utilize technology and outdoor space to continue mixed-age group opportunities without increasing exposure unnecessarily between home-base groups.</p> <p>Refer to sending district transportation protocols if your child/ren will utilize public school transportation options, as they may differ from Summit School practices.</p>
<p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</p>	<p>Frequent hand washing and/or sanitizing will be encouraged, particularly before and after eating or using the restroom.</p> <p>Students and staff will be encouraged to sneeze and cough into elbows, rather than hands. If hands are used, they should be immediately washed or sanitized.</p>

<p><u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u></p>	<p>Shared classroom items will be cleaned/disinfected between uses. Each student's belongings will be kept separated from others' and, where possible and appropriate, in individually labeled containers, cubbies, lockers or other areas.</p> <p>Adequate supplies will minimize sharing of high touch materials to the greatest extent possible or they'll be limited to one group of students at a time and disinfected in between uses.</p> <p>Student restrooms will be surface-cleaned twice daily.</p> <p>Surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day. School HVAC circulates indoor air regularly, and classroom filters further improve indoor air quality. Regular cleaning of the facilities will be maintained throughout the school year.</p>
<p><u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments.</p>	<p>Occupancy records of indoor spaces that are utilized by different populations, such as the school's Conference Room, offices (Main, Principal's, and Guidance), and Community Room will work in conjunction with Home Base daily attendance and substitute teacher assignments to support contract tracing if/when necessary.</p> <p>All SSP employees and students will participate in daily COVID screening upon entry to the building (accessible through our SIS, Teacherease, as well as paper forms at entrance).</p> <p>If a student exhibits <u>COVID symptoms</u> while at school, the family will be called to pick up the student. Regardless of vaccination status or prior infection, the student must provide a negative COVID test result in order to return to school. Individual case review may support an exception to each or any of these requirements.</p> <p>Families and staff are asked to contact School Administration (sspadmin@summitschoolpoconos.org) immediately when a positive case is known. A student or staff member who tested positive will provide a negative test or follow the quarantine duration guidelines (listed below and linked in left column) in order to return to school.</p> <p>If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, SSP will inform the school community via Remind (minus identifying details)</p>

and follow reporting requirements as set out by the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Education.

Quarantine and Isolation Procedures:

- **Quarantine** for 14 days after exposure if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated.
 - **How to Quarantine:**
 - Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
 - Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other [symptoms](#) of COVID-19.
 - If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at [higher risk](#) for getting very sick from COVID-19.
 - If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.
 - **How to reduce quarantine time:**
 - If 10 days pass after exposure with no onset of [symptoms](#) and no COVID test
 - If 7 days pass after exposure with no onset of symptoms and a COVID test (administered on or after day 5) shows negative result
 - **Quarantine Exemptions:**
 - People who are [fully vaccinated](#) do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who was COVID-19 positive unless they have [symptoms](#).
 - Fully vaccinated people should get tested 5-7 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms.
 - Fully vaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
 - People who have tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test within the previous

90 days do NOT need to quarantine if the following are true...

- they've recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms
- they wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days after exposure.
- they monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and isolate immediately if symptoms develop.
- they consult with a healthcare professional for testing recommendations if new symptoms develop.
- **Isolate** when tested positive for COVID-19 at home for at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms. More information on isolation can be found [here](#).

Test-to-Stay (TTS) [TTS](#) is a program that, when combined with regular mitigation measures (e.g., masking, social distancing, etc.), allows unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19 in certain school settings to continue in-person learning, so long as they remain asymptomatic and serially test negative for COVID-19. Since fully vaccinated students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19 do not need to isolate or quarantine, so long as they remain asymptomatic, these individuals do not need to participate in TTS.

Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated close contacts who regularly mask at school are eligible to participate in the Test-to-Stay program, allowing them to continue in-person learning/teaching if they remain asymptomatic, wear a proper-fitting mask, and continue to test negative for COVID-19 according to the following schedule (through **Rapid antigen tests administered through a health care provider**):

- 1st test: Within 2 – 4 days post-exposure
- 2nd test: Within 5 – 7 days post-exposure
- The 1st and 2nd tests must be administered on non-consecutive days (i.e., a test on Day 4 and a second test on Day 5 would not meet this criteria)

Students advised to quarantine due to potential exposure outside of school should stay home.

	<p>Students who must quarantine from the school community, or who must remain outside of school for other COVID-related issues will be provided with instructional materials and links to stay connected with peer groups and teachers and to keep up with course content and projects. Instructions on how to maintain attendance from home via Teacherease (SIS) will also be provided.</p>
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**ARP American Rescue Plan **ESSER Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief*

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Summit School of the Poconos reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **December 22, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

5 Yes

3 No

Affirmed on: **December 22, 2021**

By: Jennifer Olson



(Signature of Board President)*

Jennifer Olson

(Print Name of Board President)

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