

The background features a large, faint watermark of the Southern Lehigh School District logo. The logo is circular and contains the text "SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT" at the top and "CENTER VALLEY, PA" at the bottom. In the center of the logo is a shield with a book and a torch.

***Southern Lehigh School District
2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan
June 28, 2021***

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One Interaction at a Time*

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Health and Safety Plan Review

- The LEA will make publicly available a *Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services*, hereinafter referred to as the Health and Safety Plan, that complies with section 2001(i) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.
- ◆ The plan will be submitted to PDE in a manner and form determined by PDE, no later than July 30, 2021
 - ◆ The plan must address mitigation efforts as well as plans for continuity of education
 - ◆ The LEA will review the Health and Safety Plan **at least every six months** during the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period and make revisions as appropriate.

2021-2022 SLSD Health and Safety Plan

- The SLSD Health and Safety Plan is based on and informed by the following;
- ◆ A document created and shared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on June 4, 2021
 - ◆ Updates to the Commonwealth's Mitigation Orders
 - ◆ Guidance from the CDC, information from the Commonwealth's COVID-19 data tools, and guidance from the St. Luke's University Health Network
 - ◆ Recommendations from the SLSD Administration

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- There continues to be no one-size-fits-all approach for K-12 schools and COVID-19 mitigation. Mitigation strategies will continue to be dependent on a number of factors including but not limited to;
- ◆ Local COVID-19 Case Data and Trends
 - ◆ District Priorities; i.e. Student and Staff Physical Health, Mental Health, Academics, and Extracurricular Opportunities
 - ◆ Community Risk Tolerance

Current Regional COVID-19 Data - PA COVID-19 Early Warning Dashboard

→ Lehigh County (As of June 28, 2021)

	Incident Rate Per 100K Residents	PCR Percent Positivity	Percent of Hospital Emergency Department Visits Due to COVID-like-illness
Most Recent 7 Days (June 18 to June 24)	8.4	1.3%	.8%
Previous 7 Days (June 11 to June 17)	9.7	1.6%	.6%

→ Northampton County (As of June 28, 2021)

	Incident Rate Per 100K Residents	PCR Percent Positivity	Percent of Hospital Emergency Department Visits Due to COVID-like-illness
Most Recent 7 Days (June 18 to June 24)	7.9	1.2%	.8%
Previous 7 Days (June 11 to June 17)	9.8	1.2%	.6%

Current Regional COVID-19 Data - PA COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

→ Lehigh County (4th of 67 Counties); Ranking of the Percent of PA Residents with at Least One Vaccine Dose (As of June 28, 2021)

Percent Vaccinated	Number of People Vaccinated	Population Age 10+ (*This is Provided by the Commonwealth)
72%	233,646	324,693

→ Northampton County (6th of 67 Counties); Ranking of the Percent of PA Residents with at Least One Vaccine Dose (As of June 28, 2021)

Percent Vaccinated	Number of People Vaccinated	Population Age 10+ (*This is Provided by the Commonwealth)
70.2%	192,913	274,641

Current Regional COVID-19 Data - PA COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

→ Lehigh County; Vaccinations by Age Group (As of June 28, 2021)

Partially Covered Age Group (10-14)	Partially Covered Age Group (15-19)	Fully Covered Age Group (10-14)	Fully Covered Age Group (15-19)
1,377	3,032	3,465	8,608

→ Northampton County; Vaccinations by Age Group (As of June 28, 2021)

Partially Covered Age Group (10-14)	Partially Covered Age Group (15-19)	Fully Covered Age Group (10-14)	Fully Covered Age Group (15-19)
1,105	3,354	2,522	6,428

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- At this time, all students ages 12+ and all staff have had the opportunity to be vaccinated prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.
- The SLSD will continue to progress toward day-to-day operations that as closely mirror daily SLSD operations prior to the pandemic. As a reminder, the 2021-2022 Educational Program;
 - ◆ Face-to-Face In-Person Instruction
 - ◆ Spartan Academy Remote Option

2021-2022 SLSD Health and Safety Plan Details

- **Masking** - Effective June 28th, masks are **no longer required** for activities occurring either indoors or outdoors. However, unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a mask to protect themselves.
- **Social Distancing** - The configuration of classroom furniture will be done in a manner that appropriately promotes in-person instruction and maintains physical distancing to the maximum extent feasible and appropriate.
- **Vaccinations** - The SLSD will continue to encourage eligible students and staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

2021-2022 SLSD Health and Safety Plan

- The SLSD Health and Safety Plan may be modified or updated as a result of any of the following;
 - ◆ Updated CDC, PADOH, and PDE Guidelines and Recommendations
 - ◆ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Mitigation Orders
 - ◆ Local COVID-19 Case Data and Trends
 - ◆ Other factors that may arise
- Health and Safety Plan Changes - Any modifications or updates to the SLSD Health and Safety Plan will be made in coordination with input from community health partners at the SLUHN.