

Health and Safety Plan Summary - ESSER Review

Renaissance Academy Charter School

Initial Effective Date: June 28, 2021

Current Update: March 2024

Whereas the World Health Organization has declared an end to the COVID-19 Health Emergency as of May 11, 2023, the Renaissance Academy Charter School seeks to continue implementing those measures necessary or recommended to ensure the health and safety of staff, students, and visitors on our campus.

This plan continues to ask the question: 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 to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The LEA will comply with current mandates as prescribed by PA DOH / PDE.

The LEA will continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC where applicable to a school setting.

COMMUNICATION:

The LEA will regularly communicate and update the community on cases of COVID-19 or other highly communicable illnesses if the administration deems the transmission rate has disrupted learning. Examples of this will include but are not limited to a need to enact the Emergency Time usage allowance as granted by PDE.

The LEA will no longer maintain a public dashboard of Renaissance-specific, confirmed COVID-19 cases but will communicate with individuals when necessary.

SANITATION:

The LEA will maintain current sanitation and HVAC filtration levels per the RACS Sanitation Policy [COVID-19 Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Policy 2020](#), including but not limited to readily available hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, face coverings, and gloves made available to staff and students who require/request them.

The LEA will educate and support students, post PSAs, and make reminders regarding proper handwashing, sanitation, hygiene, etc.

The LEA will require training in proper Sanitation for facilities staff and appropriate training in mask hygiene not specific to COVID-19 but under best practices as covered by the aforementioned policy. [Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Ventilation | CDC](#)

FACE COVERINGS:

The LEA will comply with CDC Guidelines and current County recommendations regarding face coverings.

The LEA will be a mask-optional setting unless mandated otherwise by DOH, PDE, or other authority.

The LEA will make approved face coverings available should a school community member need / request a face covering.

Exceptions to face-covering requirements will be for persons under the age of 2 years old or those for whom ADA / 504 Accommodations are required and documented.

OTHER MITIGATION TO REMAIN POST WOH Declaration:

- Contractors or outside vendors are permitted to wear masks while on campus - See above regarding Face Covering updates.
- Late arrival or early departure of K-12th Grade Students occurs at the Upper School Main Office only.
- Adults picking up students will remain in the outer vestibule or their vehicle until the student arrives for pick-up
- An already established isolation space will be used for any student who is ill at school.
- Use of Electronic Hall Pass to diminish student traffic and monitor student movement.
- Planning for remote learning periods or school closures, should community transmission become problematic per the approved Emergency Time Plan (>20% population impacted)
- Cooperation with District Transportation as needed.

How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the student’s academic needs and students and staff members’ social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, including student health and food services?

The LEA will invest in and plan for the increased needs of staff and students, both academic, social, and otherwise. The LEA will provide support through additional staff, programs, and training around mental health education, social reacquainting to onsite learning, and academic remediation as needed.

The LEA will plan and develop strategies for assessing the needs of students as well as how to address those needs logically and over the next several school years.

The LEA will use allocated funds to invest resources in creating and establishing programs and providing staff to provide emotional and academic support as determined necessary.

The LEA will consult information and resources as available [Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html)

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html> (updated March 1, 2024)

Mitigation to promote general wellness and the spread of COVID-19

Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

a. Universal and correct wearing of [masks](#)

The LEA will comply with face-covering mandates as stated by the PA DOH and recommendations of the CCHD & CDC should they be enacted.

b. Facilities to allow for distancing when necessary

Distancing is no longer required or in use for daily practice.

Opportunities to meet virtually or use larger spaces are available when appropriate.

Physical screens are available for all adults in the school during the course of their workday should they request them.

Technical support for students and families through virtual ticketing systems: ITsupport@rak12.org

Parent meetings / outside visitor meetings held virtually if requested due to illness.

Mitigation layering will occur if data suggests it is warranted.

c. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#);

Educational materials, PSAs, and in-context reviews will be made available to staff and students.

	<p>Safe Schools Sanitation training will be repeated/provided for all those responsible for student wellness.</p> <p>Nursing staff will maintain gloves and masking when necessary or provide care to symptomatic students. Due to classroom arrangements, physical Use of nebulizer support per PADOH</p>
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;	<p>The previously approved sanitation policy will remain in effect. This includes the rotation of chemicals and sanitation. The policy can be found here: COVID-19 Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Policy 2020 (PDF)</p>
e. Contact tracing in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<p>Per December guidance, the CCHD has determined that Contact Tracing in school settings is no longer mandated. Seating charts are maintained at the teacher's discretion only.</p> <p>Students or staff falling within symptomatic ranges will be isolated, sent home, and must follow current quarantine timelines per their vaccination status or known exposure per school fever and illness policy. This is not COVID-19 specific; however, it pertains to any symptomatic virus or communicable disease.</p> <p>¹Current guidelines do not specify COVID-19 quarantine</p> <p>The previously approved https://campussuite-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/prod/1559130/9049bc3e-f0b5-11ec-be2c-0a30c8de4f4d/2455986/b4753c68-14c9-11ed-83a7-02ee05ae6401/file/RA%20Telecommuting%20 (Work Site) remains in place for staff who are quarantined and able to perform duties from home or off-site locations. This is assessed on a case-by-case basis.</p>
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	<p>School surveillance testing is no longer in place.</p>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>	<p>The Academy provided support and resources to ensure all staff opting to receive the COVID-19 vaccine were given that opportunity.</p> <p>Further opportunities at the school are not planned at this time.</p> <p>A policy is in place that provides allotted time for staff to receive or maintain their preferred vaccination status.</p>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities concerning health and safety policies	<p>ESY and Covid – Onsite learning to benchmark student regression, learning needs, and remediation</p> <p>Needs, such as reduced sensory load face-covering accommodations per IDEA guidance.</p> <p>Individual learning plans created (IEP where applicable).</p> <p>PCA placement as needed to support the hygiene needs of students with disabilities.</p> <p>Support for families provided through various partnerships and outreach and access to meals through emergency programs. Food Service Current Knights</p> <p>Mitigation layering will occur if data suggests it is warranted.</p>
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	<p>Ongoing coordination with CCHD will continue as needed.</p> <p>Regular communication from the County has been discontinued.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Renaissance Academy Charter School reviewed the Health and Safety Plan on **March 20, 2024 , 2023**.

Voted to accept: Yes 11 No 0

Signed:  _____

Date: 3/21/24 _____

President, Board of Trustees

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