Health and Safety Plan Summary: The Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc.

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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 Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc. (CAHP) will continue to utilize the up-to-date guidance and recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the development and maintenance of our Health and Safety Plan with updates developed accordingly. Active consultation with our Medical Director will occur weekly. Prevention initiatives will be implemented as directed by our Medical Director.

CAHP will continue to focus on the maximization of in person instruction for our students affording them the opportunity to succeed academically and socially in a safe manner.

COVID-19 prevention and mitigation protocols will be designed and implemented in order to be consistent with the existing level of community spread in our community and the surrounding region.

The CAHP Health and Safety Plan will be monitored, reviewed, and updated as additional information from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is updated.

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 CAHP will utilize the guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in order maintain the highest level of prevention and protection for our students and staff members. We will continue to use Schoology and ZOOM as needed to allow continuity of services to address each student's academic needs while engaging other school community members. We will offer ongoing professional development to our staff members to ensure their continued mental and emotional wellness as well as ensure the well-being of our students.

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.

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a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;	CAHP will follow any face covering mandate put into effect by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania Department of Education. We will consider all recommendations from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), our Medical Director, and local medical partners, addressing face covering procedures. CAHP will provide masks to students, staff and visitors who choose to wear masks.
	CAHP reserves the right to require students to wear masks when working in small groups or in a 1:1 situation with a staff member if requested or any time a 3 foot distance cannot be maintained.
	With the health and safety of our students and staff members as our main concern, CAHP will remain attentive in responding to any situation that could relate to masking including, but not limited to, Medical Director directives, federal or state mandates or local school/community situations.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Students will be encouraged to practice social distancing whenever possible and will be assigned seating consistent with physical distancing protocols (minimum of 3' apart).

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	Staff members will be encouraged to utilize outdoor space as appropriate to the activity and weather.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	Staff and students are encouraged to practice regularly scheduled hand washing or sanitizing including, but not limited to, entry into the school, classroom, after using the restroom, before and after eating, after coughing/sneezing. Hand sanitizer will be made available in all common areas, hallways, and in classrooms. Staff will teach and reinforce frequent hand washing, and proper technique for respiratory etiquette among students, staff, volunteers, and visitors.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	A schedule is in place for cleaning high touch and high-traffic areas at key points throughout the day following the CDC's Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting. Use of Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant will be used daily, subsequent to student dismissal.
	Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated as much as possible and circulation of outdoor air will be utilized when possible.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and guarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	CAHP will follow any mandates related to contact tracing and quarantining put into effect by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania Department of Education. We will work closely with local and state health departments to consider all recommendations regarding mitigation.
	Any positive cases or exposure among students, staff members or their families are to be reported to CAHP immediately. A report will be filed and any/all

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	isolation/quarantine determinations will be shared with staff/parents.
	Should a student require isolation/quarantine for a period of time, accommodations for virtual learning will be implemented.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Symptom screening of students shall be done by parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day. All staff shall perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work. Symptom screening of students will also be done upon entry of school and classrooms.
	Parents/guardians and staff must notify CAHP if an absence is due to COVID-19 symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or close contact with someone with COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 will be on a self-monitoring basis. If symptoms are noted while at home, the staff or student should not attend school/work, and notify the CAHP nurse and/or administrator immediately. If symptoms are present during school hours, the staff member or student must inform the nurse of their symptoms. The nurse will perform an assessment while following current mitigation procedures for COVID-19. If COVID-19 is suspected, the student or staff member may not return to school/work until cleared by the CAHP medical director. Students who have symptoms, fever, or COVID-19 exposure should not be sent on the bus or brought to school by a parent/guardian.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school</u> <u>communities</u> ;	CAHP will partner with local health organizations to advertise and

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	communicate information regarding vaccination sites in the community.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	CAHP will follow all individualized education plans (IEPs), and provide appropriate accommodations with respect to the health and safety of students with disabilities.
Coordination with state and local health officials.	CAHP will continue to partner with state and local health officials including the Pennsylvania Department of Health.