



# Pandemic Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022

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The Pennsylvania State Board of Private Academic Schools enacts the following pandemic policy for all private schools licensed by the Board for the 2021-2022 school year.

As students return to school buildings and schools begin offering in-person instruction, all private academic schools licensed by Pennsylvania State Board of Private Academic Schools shall create and implement a Pandemic Health and Safety Plan based on the on-going guidance and directives from the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#), Pennsylvania Department of Education ([see COVID-19 Resources for Pre-K to 12 Schools](#)), and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Each school shall implement a Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-22 school year which will serve as the local guidelines for all in-person instructional and non-instructional school activities. As with school emergency plans, the Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of the school community and license category and should be created in consultation with local health agencies, if possible. It's important to remember that layering multiple prevention strategies is the best way to minimize transmission. As such, schools should consider public health best practices for social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting, and disease prevention when developing their plans.

Licensed Private Academic Schools shall keep a copy of their Pandemic Health and Safety Plan on file at the school and available to Pennsylvania Department of Education staff upon request.

## **Health and Safety Plan Summary: KidsPeace National Centers**

**Initial Effective Date: August 31, 2021**

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Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Plans for <a href="#">cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities throughout the school year, including regular sanitizing, flushing the water system, <a href="#">ventilating</a> the building prior to use if the building has been sitting idle for an extended period, and <a href="#">ventilation</a> efforts to circulate air when students and staff are in school buildings.</p>	<p>Sanitation Requirements: Clean and sanitize each classroom, restroom, hallway, and common touch point per <a href="#">CDC recommendations</a>.</p> <p>Nightly cleaning including sanitizing and disinfecting per <a href="#">CDC recommendations</a></p> <p>Ventilation: Maintenance Department will make sure the filters are sized, installed, and replaced according to manufacturer's instructions and <a href="#">CDC recommendations</a>.</p> <p>KidsPeace is a congregate facility and facilities are not left vacant for any period of time.</p>
<p>b. Plans for training all staff on the Health and Safety Plan.</p>	<p>On-line trainings provided by OD&amp;T:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Monitoring</li> <li>• COVID-19 PPE Review</li> <li>• Annual Safety Training</li> </ul>
<p>c. Plans for communicating the Health and Safety Plan to students and families.</p>	<p>Information and important COVID-19 updates are posted on <a href="#">kidspeace.org</a></p>
<p>d. Plans for safely transporting students, if applicable.</p>	<p>Face covering/masks are required on school buses.</p> <p>Students are transported to/from school by residential unit/classroom to limit interactions.</p> <p>School buses will be disinfected by transportation staff after each bus run/use. They will use disinfectant wipes and or quaternary disinfectant spray on all touchable surfaces.</p>
<p>e. Guidelines for <a href="#">handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>.</p>	<p>Posters displaying social distance requirements, importance of face coverings and proper hand washing techniques are posted in common hallways and restrooms.</p> <p>Frequent hand washing with students and employees will be encouraged.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer readily available in classrooms and nurse stations.</p>

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f. Guidelines for <a href="#">face coverings</a> for staff, family members, and students of different age groups.	<p>Face coverings/masks are mandatory for all students, staff and outside visitors/delivery vendors.</p> <p>Federal orders, state orders and/or local data may result in modifications to KidsPeace face covering practices.</p>
g. Guidelines for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> in classroom and common spaces, including, but not limited to:	<p>Students and employees will be encouraged to maintain physical distance to the maximum extent feasible and appropriate.</p> <p>Classroom size is limited to 12 or less students.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limiting outside visitors to the school;</li> <li>• Limiting interactions between groups;</li> <li>• Restricting spaces that multiple groups use, such as gyms and cafeterias.</li> </ul>	<p>Educational meetings occur only via phone conference or Zoom.</p> <p>Stagger arrival/dismissal times.</p> <p>Scheduled bathroom breaks.</p> <p>All lunches will be served within the classroom.</p> <p>All breakfast and lunches will be served within the classroom at Berks</p> <p>Common areas are scheduled so as only one residential unit/classroom is allowed to utilize the common area at a time to limit interactions.</p>
h. Guidelines for all outdoor activities, including playground use of equipment and sports activities	All facility/recreation equipment is disinfected after each use.
i. Guidelines for monitoring and isolating sick children and staff, and a process for notifying individuals who may have been in contact with a student or staff member with a communicable disease such as COVID-19.	<p>Students that present symptoms of illness, they are taken to our designated isolation module. The treating physician will issue a medical order for any medically necessary testing.</p> <p>Berks Students will be taken to a designated isolation room until assessed by nursing and parent/guardian pick up.</p> <p>Staff must self-quarantine until cleared by medical professional to return to work. This is confirmed by Employee Health/Nursing Leadership.</p> <p>Berks Clients admitted and found that they may have been exposed to the</p>

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	pandemic illness or demonstrating symptoms will be sent home with parent/guardian and advised to contact PCP for testing. If not tested, clients will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days and be symptom free for 72 hours prior to return. Clients tested with a negative result may return to program with medical documentation and being symptom free for 24 hours. Clients testing positive may return once medically cleared by a PCP with medical documentation.
j. Guidelines for protecting students, staff, and family members who are medically fragile and those at higher risk.	Students are constantly monitored for symptoms.  Staff are encouraged to self-quarantine and pursue FMLA.
k. <a href="#">Guidelines</a> for ensuring all mandates issued by the Departments of Health and Education that are in place during the pandemic are adhered to.	Directors of each department are responsible to ensure all mandates are followed.  KidsPeace continues to utilize the most recent guidance from Salisbury School District and their partners at St. Luke's Health University Health Network, PA Department of Health and CDC
l. Plans for implementing remote learning to accomplish social distancing, if necessary, and if schools are required to close to do outbreaks.	Individual packets of instructional materials will be made available.  KidsPeace is in the process of obtaining software for Google Chrome books.

## Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Thorough an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

## **Pandemic Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **KidsPeace National Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 24, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **August 24, 2021**

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