

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School
1840 Torresdale Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19124

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School
Approving the Updated COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan**

WHEREAS, the Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School (the “School”) has presented the Updated COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan to the Board of Trustees (the “Board”);

AND WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Updated COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan is indeed appropriate and correct.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the School authorizes and approves the COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan.

Resolved this 30th day of July 2021

MARIANA BRACETTI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

By: *Arlene B. Holtz*
President

Attest: *Janeé A. Cluzik*
Secretary



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of [masks](#);
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for [physical distancing](#) (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#);
- d. [Cleaning](#) and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving [ventilation](#);
- e. [Contact tracing](#) in combination with [isolation](#) and [quarantine](#), in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. [Diagnostic](#) and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 [vaccinations to school communities](#);
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

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 Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School**

Initial Effective Date: 07/30/2021

Date of Last Review: 08/04/2020

Date of Last Revision: 08/04/2020

1. 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?

MBACS adopted and implemented a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 school year using mitigation strategies supported by the CDC, PA Department of Health, Philadelphia Health Department. We remained virtual for the entire 2020-21 school year to support the larger public health initiative to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our school community, especially those at increased risk for severe illness. Additionally, MBACS staff attended the School District of Philadelphia and CHOP vaccination clinics beginning in February 2020. Beginning in June, MBACS led vaccine clinics for students and will continue to support future clinics once approved for students under 12 years of age. MBACS will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, Philadelphia Department of Health and other reputable organizations such as Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and American Academy of Pediatrics. This information and guidance will assist MBACS when reviewing our mitigation strategies for effectiveness, and for any revisions to the health and safety plan that may need to occur. We intend to begin the 2021-22 school year, with strong mitigation strategies in order to best support our students, families and staff as they transition back to in-person learning. The chart below provides strategies, policies, and procedures to be used at MBACS.

2. 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?

MBACS will offer full-time in person instruction for all students in Grades K-12. MBACS will resort to a full-time virtual option if the health situation deems necessary.

MBACS has a well-established Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program in place and will continue to implement a K-12 Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum during the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, MBACS supports a comprehensive student service program that provides a full continuum of services including health, social work, counseling and psychological services. MBACS partners with Philadelphia Mental Health Clinic (PMHC) to provide family mental health services to MBACS families. Machios, our food service vendor, will provide breakfast and lunch to students during the school day.

Staff members have access to mental health services through our insurance provider, Personal

Choice Independence Blue Cross should they choose to seek those services. Additionally, we have three separate professional development offerings this year dedicated to staff social-emotional and physical wellbeing.

MBACS will also approve an athletic health and safety plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. 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.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p>	<p>The CDC guidance states “Schools should work with local public health officials, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, including those related to privacy, to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission (i.e., low, moderate, substantial, or high) and local vaccine coverage, and use of screening testing to detect cases in K-12 schools.”</p> <p>During the 21-22 school year MBACS will monitor community transmission, vaccination rates, and use of screening testing and begin the school year with universal masking for all students, staff, and visitors. Per the federal order, masks will be required on school buses at the start of the 2021-22 school year.</p> <p>When and if the mask mandate is lifted at MBACS, it will be based on community transmission, local vaccine coverage, and guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, PA Department of Education, and the Philadelphia Department of Health.</p> <p>MBACS will also consider recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and locally, the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. The district will support all individuals who prefer to continue to wear a mask.</p>

<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Although Pennsylvania lifted its order for physical distancing and occupancy limits on May 31, 2021, MBACS will continue to maintain 3 feet of physical distancing per CDC guidelines wherever possible in the classroom and high-traffic areas within the building. Additionally, we've added a plexiglass partition in the main office area for visitors coming into the building.</p> <p>During breakfast and lunch, we will utilize 3-4ft social distancing in our classrooms (K-5), cafeteria, and multi-purpose rooms.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Best practice encourages hand washing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snacks, transition back to class from being outside, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. MBACS will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices.</p> <p>Every classroom is equipped with touchless hand sanitizer dispensers and hand sanitizer will be available in strategic locations and high traffic areas (ie- main office, copy room, cafeteria). Additionally, MBACS has posted signage throughout the building reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>MBACS utilizes EPA Approved Disinfectants for use against COVID-19 and possesses electrostatic sprayers for regular disinfectant use. There will be routine cleaning of the building, classrooms, common areas, office spaces and high-touch surfaces (ie- door knobs, stair railings, faucets).</p> <p>If there is a case of COVID-19, a cleaning and disinfecting of the area will take place within the appropriate time frame.</p> <p>Air purifiers will be provided for all K-6 classrooms.</p>

	<p>MBACS has updated ventilation systems (main building: 2013, annex: 2020) and will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and are checked and maintained on a routine basis.</p> <p>Classrooms, offices and common spaces will increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible.</p>
<p>e. <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>MBACS will report all confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the Philadelphia health department on the appropriate reporting form</p> <p>MBACS will provide the health department, if required, a list of close contact(s) of individuals who were in contact with the COVID-19 positive individual while at school to the best of its ability.</p> <p>MBACS will support and implement public health guidance on isolation and quarantines.</p> <p>MBACS will utilize the modified quarantine guidelines as outlined by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Philadelphia Health Department.</p> <p>Student, staff or contractor, who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is a probable case, shall notify their direct supervisor and principal immediately.</p> <p>Student, staff or contractors, who were in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case, must notify the program administrator/principal immediately. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or health department.</p> <p>MBACS will utilize a location in the building for isolation and/or quarantine during the school day for students showing symptoms in conjunction with the Philadelphia Health Department and PA Department of Health guidance.</p>

	<p>Students who are positive for COVID-19 or a close contact of a positive case will be sent home immediately with guidance for isolation or quarantine.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>MBACS requires staff and contractors to self-screen prior to reporting to work, programs, and schools and TO stay at home if experiencing any symptoms as outlined in below.</p> <p>Parents and guardians are required to self-screen their child prior to reporting to school or programs and keep their child home if experiencing ANY symptoms outlined below.</p> <p>Two or more symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of smell or taste (without congestion) • Cough • Shortness of breath • Difficulty breathing • Sore throat • Chills • Muscle pain • Fever • Headache • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea <p>Staff, students, and visitors who are ill must stay home from work, programs, and schools.</p> <p>Staff, children, students, and visitors shall be sent home if they become ill at work, school, program or service.</p> <p>Students, staff and contractors shall report immediately to their immediate supervisor/principal if they are COVID-19 positive or were in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or health department.</p>

	<p>At any point, MBACS may implement a rapid antigen testing program for individuals who become symptomatic during the program, school or working hours. If COVID-19 cases and incidence rates rise above a level of concern determined by health departments, MBACS may implement routine antigen assurance testing for all staff.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>MBACS will continue to provide information to families on vaccine clinics and/or how get a COVID-19 vaccine for their child or family member.</p> <p>MBACS will continue to host vaccine clinics when possible.</p> <p>MBACS will encourage all students who can get vaccinated to receive a vaccine and support initiatives to provide clinics for all age groups when appropriate.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>For students with disabilities and/or with medical diagnosis that required a prescribed health and safety plan, the IEP may reconvene to develop a specially designed instruction or strategies plan to meet the needs of the student.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>MBACS will report cases of COVID19 and its efforts on contract tracing with the health department.</p> <p>MBACS will consult with the health department on specific cases or issues as needed.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **MARIANA BRACETTI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 30, 2021**.

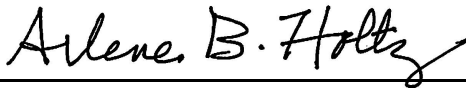
The plan was approved by a vote of:

 8 **Yes**

 0 **No**

Affirmed on: **July 30, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Arlene B. Holtz, Ph.D.

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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