

# **Clubs / Extracurricular Activities: Health and Safety Plan**

School: Palmerton Area High School

Club Name: Environmental Club

Club Advisors: Michael Gombert and Paul McArdle

Maximum number of students allowed to participate: Unlimited

## **General Information**

The Environmental Club can continue to provide the services it has in the past while still following the safety guidelines in place for social distancing. Our plans for the Fall Semester include the following:

## **Prior to the First Meeting**

As we do at the beginning of every school year, we will offer all students the opportunity to sign up for the Club. In the past, we usually have held a sign-up meeting in the auditorium. This year, our ‘sign-up’ meeting will consist of announcements made via the intercom instructing any potential club member students to e-mail a letter of interest to our club e-mail account ([EnvironmentalClub@palmerton.org](mailto:EnvironmentalClub@palmerton.org)). When that list of students is compiled, we will create a GROUP in Schoology that will provide us with an easy way to “meet” with our members virtually. This will serve as our primary method of planning club activities and communicating club initiatives with our members.

## **Entrance Procedures or Student Access to Activities**

Our typical club activities already lend themselves to social distancing guidelines. Collecting recycling can be done by having students maintain the recommended six feet of separation. We will ask the teachers to place their recycling bins outside their rooms when we are collecting so that our members will not have to go in and out of multiple classrooms. Almost all of our other regular activities (examples: courtyard work, campus clean-ups, catwalk maintenance) take place outdoors which should easily allow for distancing and much needed fresh air for our students.

## **Safety Precautions**

In lieu of a field trip this fall, the Environment Club plans to host a “Half-Mile Cleanup” initiative for all members to potentially participate. Details regarding this event are provided in a separate document.

Masks and/or face shields will be worn by the advisor and students at all times.

As much as possible, meetings will be held outside. All meetings will follow social distancing practices. The advisor will maintain 6 foot separations between students.

When the situation requires a meeting to take place inside the building, each student will be assigned a specific seat that allows for proper social distancing during the entire meeting. Students will be required to face forward in their seat at all times.

Students will bring their own personal water bottle with them to the meetings. Students will not be permitted to share drinks.

Only one student at a time will be permitted to use the restroom. Hand sanitizer will be provided upon their exit and return to the meeting area.

Safety is of the utmost importance. The advisor reserves the right to remove a student from the meeting as necessary. This is at the discretion of the advisor and/or the administration.

### **Exit Procedures**

At the end of each meeting, students will be provided with hand sanitizer and will be dismissed one at a time. Students will head directly back to class.

### **Notes**

In addition to regular correspondence via Schoology and e-mail, the Environmental Club will have an official meeting via Schoology Conference once a month.

The Health and Safety Plan of the Palmerton Area Senior High School will be in effect at all times. For more information on that plan, please see the district website or contact the building principal, Mrs. Paula Husar.