

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County

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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 CTC will monitor all published CDC, Pa DOH and PDE guidance regarding prevention and mitigation of COVID-19 and will base all decisions regarding the health and safety plan and operation of the school on such guidance, adjusted for local considerations.

1. 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 CTC will provide continuity of regular services including student health services and food services during the regular school year as it has previously done. Students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health and other needs will be addressed by the School Counselors and School Nurse (for students) and by referral to appropriate health care providers (for staff).

2. 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
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks.	CTC has adopted a face covering policy which will recommend/require the wearing of face coverings following CDC, PaDOH, and PDE recommendations, adjusted for local consideration. The school nurse and school administrators observe and correct face covering deficiencies among students and staff upon entry and frequently throughout the school day.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g. use of cohorts/podding).	CTC facilities have been expanded (classrooms added) to provide additional opportunities for social distancing. Distancing within classrooms and lab areas will be maintained to the maximum extent practical.

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c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.	Proper handwashing and coughing/sneezing etiquette are encouraged through extensive signage, a looped video message and personal intervention by school staff.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.	Cleaning and disinfecting protocols have been established and implemented and will continue as recommended/required by CDC, PaDOH, and PDE.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments.	Contact tracing, isolation and quarantine protocols will continue to be implemented in accordance with CDC, PaDOH, and PDE guidance, adjusted for local considerations.
f. Diagnostic and screen testing.	Diagnostic testing utilizing rapid tests may be used to alter quarantine requirements for close contacts who are potentially exposed to positive cases, a practice referred to as “Test to Stay.” Quarantine requirements will be followed based on CDC, PaDOH, and PDE guidance, adjusted for local considerations.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.	Due to transportation issues, CTC was not able to provide vaccination opportunities to students. All staff have been offered opportunities to be vaccinated.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.	Individual student needs with regard to COVID-19 and health and safety concerns will be addressed on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the need and accommodation(s) requested consistent with in-person instruction.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	CTC will continue to coordinate pandemic response with officials from the PaDOH and PDE.