



Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center

ARP ESSER 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.

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center

Initial Effective Date: July 26, 2021

Date of Last Review: March 2, 2022

Date of Last Revision: March 2, 2022

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?

The CTC will continually monitor this plan to include federal and state mandates and consider significant new guidance. The plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary. The revisions will be recommended to the Board for approval and changes will be communicated to students, families, staff, and the community.

All CTC activities and decisions will be informed by the PA DOH, PDE, and our partner districts & agencies. Depending upon the public health conditions in any county within the Commonwealth, there could be additional actions, orders, or guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). The CTC will practice and support prevention and mitigation efforts in response to the changing conditions.

The CTC is prepared to practice prevention and mitigation strategies along a continuum of most to least restrictive strategies in response to the changing conditions of the Pandemic.

In addition to practicing standard preventative measures such as handwashing, cleaning practices, and the option of PPE, The CTC will continue to encourage the vaccination of students and staff. The CTC will continue to practice standard mitigation efforts to include reducing close contact when feasible.

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?

The CTC will offer full-time, five days per week, in-person instruction during the 2021-2022 school year.

Should circumstances with the pandemic or other emergencies necessitate the closure of the district for in-person instruction, The CTC will offer real-time, live streamed classes for all students in grades 10-12.

Each sending district has the capacity to provide 1:1 Chromebooks for these students. Internet access has been made available on the district campus, through the regional

ZitoMedia Wifi Hotspot Agreement, and with other agencies to provide families who may not have internet access in their homes.

Professional staff will be available to communicate with families via Google Meet, email, phone calls, or other related options.

GEERS II funding will provide contracted mental health services to meet the challenges of students in crisis, and students in need of identified services.

As the circumstances evolve, The CTC will continue to work with partner school districts and agencies to adapt service delivery to meet the dynamic needs of families, students, and communities. Changes will be reviewed by the administration case-by-case. Attendance will be taken in school for all face-to-face learning days. On remote learning days, verification and completion of assignments will be counted as attendance and to track instructional hours. Students should complete work each day listed in the academic calendar, regardless of weather delays or closures.

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 |
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| a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ; | <p>Face coverings will be permitted, but not required, to be worn in the CTC.</p> <p>All implementation strategies will adhere to the student's IEP or 504 Plan.</p> |
| b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); | <p>The CTC will promote practical and feasible physical distancing in the school buildings.</p> <p>The CTC will not deny educational opportunities or best instructional practices for students due to physical distancing.</p> |
| c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ; | <p>The CTC will continue to promote handwashing and other common-sense health measures during the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette signage will be posted in common areas.</p> |
| d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ; | <p>The CTC has made capital improvements during the spring and summer of 2021 in the building. Ventilation and filtering systems have either been installed, upgraded, or serviced in the school.</p> |

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| | High touch surfaces will be disinfected and cleaned on a regular basis. |
| e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments; | IU9 will follow CDC and DOH guidelines for contact tracing. Staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted to return to work until ten days after the positive test result or 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Individuals identified as a close contact will not be permitted to return for ten days, with the exposure date as day zero. Quarantine may be eliminated for those without symptoms with a negative rapid test on day 1-2, and again on day 5-7. |
| f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing; | Test-to-Stay will be offered to individuals identified as close contacts through contact tracing. Rapid test administration should occur on day 2-4, and again on day 5-7. |
| g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ; | The IU9 and sending districts have hosted community vaccination clinics in the spring of 2021 and will continue to host regional clinics during the 2021-2022 school year should that become necessary. |
| h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and | The CTC will provide reasonable accommodations, as appropriate, to students with disabilities with respect to health and safety strategies. |
| i. Coordination with state and local health officials. | The CTC will continue to work with local health officials in the same manner as was accomplished during the 2020-2021 school year. |

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Seneca Highlands IU9/CTC** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **March 21, 2022**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **March 21, 2022**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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