

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Somerset County Technology Center

Initial Effective Date: August 20, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 19, 2021

Date of Last Revision: August 13, 2021

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 health and safety of the Somerset County Technology Center staff and students remains the top priority for the organization. We will continue to implement measures that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols will be implemented daily, supplies have been purchased that combat COVID-19. Procedures will include evening cleaning and regular disinfecting of all classrooms and common areas.

Pandemic response protocols include but are not limited to the following:

- Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- Following reporting procedures
- Practicing hand hygiene
- Optional use of face coverings unless mandated by government orders.
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols to the maximum extent feasible
- Staying informed of CDC's guidance

These expectations are based on the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CTASD Leadership Team will continue to monitor communications. As conditions change related to COVID-19, protocols are subject to change.

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 Somerset County Technology Center plans to open the school year under normal operating procedures and will adhere to recommendations and requirements from the Governor, State Legislature, PA Department of Health or Center for Disease Control.

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
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	Optional use of face coverings in the building. Face coverings will be required on school busses.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Students will social distance when reasonably possible.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	Hand sanitizing stations are in each program area and strategically placed in common areas.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	All ventilation filters are now changed four times per year, and air purifiers have been installed in all rooms. Air circulation has been increased and the building is disinfected daily.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	The School Nurse will handle all contact tracing and collaborations with the State and local health departments.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Staff and students will be referred to their health care provider for diagnostic and screening testing. The school nurse will assess symptoms and provide recommendations for referrals.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	Vaccinations in school communities will be addressed by the Somerset County Technology Center's sending districts.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities specific needs will be met as the need arises. When necessary, SCTC staff will collaborate with the Special Education Departments of the sending districts regarding the IEP process.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	All reporting requirements will be met, and the process will be supervised by the School Nurse.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Somerset County Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 19, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **August 19, 2021**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Dorothy Gindlesperger

(Print Name of Board President)

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