

**WESTERN AREA
CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN
2021 - 2022**

In an effort to maintain the health and safety of all secondary and post-secondary students, educators, and staff, the Western Area Career & Technology Center has developed this Health and Safety Plan which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the upcoming school year.

This Plan is subject to change based upon any current or future orders issued by any of the following: the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Type of Reopening

Total reopen for all students and staff. (Some students/families may opt for distance learning out of safety/health concern.)

Considering the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19, the Health and Safety Plan must afford flexibility. Students will attend in-person instruction if possible Monday through Friday. Should student(s) be unable to attend in-person instruction, the respective student(s) will be provided with the blended online synchronous and non-synchronous option. Should the school need to clean due to COVID-19, students will be moved to distance learning using Google Classroom with Zoom.

Start Date for In-Person Learning: August 27, 2021

Pandemic Coordinator/Team

The Pandemic Coordinator and Team continues to be responsible for facilitating the local planning process, monitoring implementation of the Western Area Career & Technology Center Health and Safety Plan, and monitoring of local health data to assess implications for school operations and potential adjustments to the Health and Safety Plan throughout the school year.

Individual	Stakeholder Group Represented	Pandemic Team Roles and Responsibilities
Mary DeProspero-Adams	Principal	Response Team
Tonya Decker	School Counselor	Response Team
Michele L. Eaborn	Teacher	Response Team
Philip C. Enck	Teacher	Response Team
Josh Layton	Adult Education Coordinator	Response Team
Dr. Dennis J. McCarthy	Executive Director	Response Team/Plan Development
Kimberly Siegman	Business Manager	Response Team
Anthony Venditti	Maintenance Supervisor	Response Team
Brad F. Works	IT Coordinator	Response Team

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Initial Effective Date: July 15, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 14, 2021

Date Revised and Approved by Board: July 14, 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?**

Western Area CTC will continually review and monitor guidance from PDE, PADOH, and CDC and has detailed in the table below the prevention and mitigation strategies that provide appropriate prevention given the current conditions. If conditions or guidance change, the Health and Safety Plan will be updated as needed.

- 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?**

Western Area CTC will be open 5 days a week for all CTC programs. To support students who may not be able to attend all 5 days, online, Zoom classes will be provided. (Students must attend in-person at least 2 days a week.) Guidance services will be provided to all students through our Guidance Department. Employer Assistance Program services will be available to all staff in an effort to support social and emotional mental health issues.

- 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	<p>Masks will be provided to all students and staff.</p> <p>To start the school year, students and staff will not be required to wear a mask unless otherwise informed by the DOH to continue mask wearing.</p>

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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)</p>	<p>Students will continue to follow 4-6 feet social distancing for breaks.</p> <p>Classroom desks will still be spaced 4-6 feet apart.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</p>	<p>The school nurse will instruct all students on proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p> <p>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette signage will continue to be posted in common areas.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer and wipes will be provided in every classroom.</p> <p>Staff will review and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, not touching your face, and covering coughs.</p> <p>Water fountains have been replaced with bottle fillers.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</p>	<p>High-touch surfaces will be disinfected and cleaned daily.</p> <p>In the event someone becomes ill or someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, those spaces they occupied will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments</p>	<p>The school nurse will do all contact tracing for students and staff while in our facility.</p> <p>The nurse will maintain an area to isolate students/staff that exhibit COVID-like symptoms.</p> <p>State health department contact tracing and quarantine mandates will be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>School administration will continue to communicate with staff and students as mandated regarding communicable diseases.</p>

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f. Diagnostic and screening testing	<p>Administration will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continue the use of daily temperature checks for students when entering the building. ▪ monitor students and staff for COVID-like symptoms. ▪ encourage students and staff to stay home if they are ill.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Western Area CTC will make the facility available as a vaccine clinic if needed.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Western Area CTC will provide appropriate accommodations in compliance with federal and state laws for students and staff who have disabilities.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Western Area CTC will work with state and local agencies.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Joint Operating Committee of the WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 14, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

 6 **Yes**

 0 **No**

 3 **ABSENT**

Affirmed on: July 14, 2021

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Edward R. Szygenda

(Print Name of Board President)

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