

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Berks Career and Technology Center**

Initial Effective Date: June 23rd, 2021

Date of Last Review: May 26th, 2021

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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 Berks Career and Technology Center (BCTC) staff and students remains, as always, the top priority for the organization. The BCTC Administrative Team continues to take critical steps and make decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to collaboratively ensure that you continue to feel safe and secure so together we can successfully navigate into the 2021-2022 school year. In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, the [Organizational Standards and Expectations](#) below outline the protocols we expect of all students and staff members as we transition forward. Expectations are based on the latest mandates provided by the Governor's Office, the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education (PDE), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will continue to monitor communications and keep you informed. 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?

BCTC plans for a full 5 day a week in-person instruction re-opening, beginning with staff in-service on August 18th, 2021.

BCTC will collaborate and work in unison with the other 16 Berks County sending schools.

Should COVID rates of transmission rise, BCTC will have the capability of adding additional Nursing personnel, same as 2020-2021 school year.

BCTC will follow all State/Federal guidelines and mandates regarding food services.

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
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>As of June 28, 2021, face coverings are optional for all individuals (staff, students, parents, and visitors), regardless of vaccination status, in BCTC, classrooms and sponsored events.</p> <p>BCTC will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE and DOH regarding the usage of masks. PA Department of Health will supersede CDC guidelines.</p> <p>BCTC personnel traveling to other schools or facilities are expected to adhere to the Health and Safety Plan on site. The CDC requires face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when on public/school transportation. This federal order includes school vehicles operated by public and private school systems. Therefore, effective July 15th, all drivers and staff members will be required to wear face coverings on any type of BCTC transportation vehicles (i.e. school bus, van, car, CDL trucks, etc.). The only exception will be a driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person in the vehicle.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCTC will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, and DOH relative to physical distancing. • Physical distancing to the maximum extent feasible will continue to be recommended for indoor and outdoor spaces regardless of vaccination status. • In anticipation of class sizes returning to full capacity in the fall of 2021 as allowed by program regulations and requirements, plexiglass barriers will remain in place.
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. • If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer). • Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. • Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash can and hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Again, hand sanitizer may be used if soap and water are not available. • Increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students.

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<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCTC will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, and DOH related to cleaning and ventilation. • Continue daily sanitation procedures in buildings along with the mid-day and evening, additional cleaning of high touch points and bathrooms in accordance with facility usage. • Hand sanitizer to be made available at all entrances. • Disinfectant wipes will be available in classrooms and common areas where staff and students can clean surfaces throughout the school day. (Gloves will be available, if requested.) • If there is an area with a sick student, close area and utilize D and D aerosol disinfectant spray, backpack electrostatic sprayers, Diversity Triad III, or Buckeye Quat Spray • Increase ventilation rates from occupied hours only to 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. Nightly events can alter or add to ventilation time. • Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible, using windows and open doors.
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCTC will adhere to the latest mandates provided by PDE, and DOH, regarding vaccinations, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine. • Staff or students with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and notify their supervisor and/or school officials immediately. • If symptoms occur in the building, staff will notify the office of a suspected sick student. Plans will be made with the Nurse for an evaluation of symptoms. • Individuals who are sick must go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are, follow CDC or PA Department of Health guidelines for caring for oneself and others who are sick, and follow medical professional guidelines for when a return is possible. <p>People who are vaccinated against COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure to another person with COVID-19 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine); • They are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series; AND,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure. • Any person who can show a positive COVID test from within 3 months of being exposed will not need to quarantine. <p>Close contacts who have not received the vaccine or who do not meet all the above criteria must follow existing quarantine guidance.</p>
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	BCTC will rely on local agencies or medical establishments to service and provide COVID testing. For in school situations, BCTC nurses can provide screening should someone show symptoms at BCTC.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	BCTC has no current plans to offer in-school vaccinations.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<p>BCTC will collaborate with sending schools/LEAs to determine specific student needs and follow all appropriate accommodations, following guidance from PDE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be addressed through the IEP/504 process. • Accommodations may include, but not limited to adapted service delivery models, (i.e. teleintervention, individualized services, when appropriate) and / or other health and safety precautions as outlined in an individualized health plan.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	BCTC will continue to follow all guidance and direction from PDE, the Department of Health, and the BCTC Joint Operating Committee.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Berks Career and Technology Center reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021

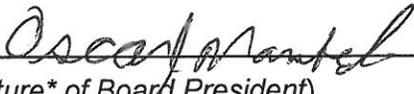
The plan was approved by a vote of:

15 Yes

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Affirmed on: Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

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(Print Name of Board President)

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

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