

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Northern Westmoreland CTC

Initial Effective Date: 7-1-2021

Date of Last Review: 6-16-2022

Date of Last Revision: 4-17-2025

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?

NWCTC will continue to monitor communications from the local Health Department, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and any applicable Governor's orders. Facilities and procedures will be adjusted accordingly to the extent possible to ensure standard preventative measures.

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?

NWCTC students and staff returned to full time live instruction in the 2021-2022 school year and will continue into subsequent school years. In the event that a school closure is necessary, students will have access to asynchronized instruction via virtual methods such as google classroom and live synchronized instruction via Zoom and Teams. Students that do not have internet access will be offered the ability to receive written packets.

Educational models will continue to be adjusted as necessary to meet students' educational needs. NWCTC's sending schools provide counselors to assist in meeting needs for students' emotional and mental health needs. NWCTC's employee assistance program is available to meet the needs of staff member's social and emotional needs. Additional resources for staff's well being will continue to be analyzed and implemented when available. Health and food services are provided by the individual student's home school districts. NWCTC will assist in facilitating these services upon the request of the sending school district.

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> ; | Mask for students and staff is optional. NWCTC will continue to monitor community and state transmission rates and may <u>adjust procedures as needed</u> |
| b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); | Students and employees are encouraged to maintain physical distance to a maximum extent feasible and appropriate. NWCTC will follow guidance from the local Health Department, CDC, PADOH and PDE and Governor's orders. |
| c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ; | Frequent hand washing for students and staff will be encouraged throughout the school utilizing techniques consistent with CDC guidelines. Hand sanitizer will be available <u>throughout the building</u> |
| d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u> ; | NWCTC will continue to modify cleaning procedures as recommended by the local Health Department, CDC, PADOH, Pde and applicable Governor's orders. NWCTC will recommend the continued use of preventative measures to ensure clean facilities including nightly cleaning of facilities. Ventilation system will be monitored to allow for the greatest air exchange possible without losing efficiency. |
| e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments; | Students and staff are monitored and screened when necessary to maintain safety within the building. Procedures will be monitored based upon CDC recommendations. |
| f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u> ; | NWCTC encourages all individuals to monitor their symptoms. Individuals are required to report a positive Covid 19 diagnosis to administration and follow current CDC <u>guidelines</u> |
| g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ; | Vaccinations are encouraged. Staff members have been provided opportunities to be vaccinated. NWCTC will continue to provide information regarding <u>vaccination guidelines</u> |
| h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and | Appropriate accommodations will be handled on a individual student-by-student basis in accordance with the current federal and state laws for students with disabilities with respect to health and <u>safety procedures</u> |

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| i. Coordination with state and local health officials. | NWCTC will collaborate with state and local health officials as needed. Additionally NWCTC will continue to coordinate with sending districts for guidance. |

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on April 17, 2025.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes
0 No

Affirmed on: April 17, 2025

By:



(Signature of Board President)*

Richard Kaczor

(Print Name of Board President)

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