

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN SUMMARY: Northern Westmoreland CTC

Initial Effective Date: 7-1-2021

Date of Last Review: 7-1-2021

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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?

NWCTC will 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) 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 will return to full live instruction beginning with the 2021 - 2022 school year. In the event that a school closure is necessary, students will have access to asynchronous instruction via virtual methods such as google classroom, and live synchronized instruction via Zoom. Students that do not have internet access will be mailed written packets.

Educational models will be adjusted as necessary to meet students' educational needs. NWCTC's sending schools provide counselor's to assist in meeting needs for student's emotional and mental health needs. NWCTC's employee assistance program is available to meet the needs of staff member's social and emotional needs. 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
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	NWCTC intends to make masks optional for any student or employee who prefers to wear a face covering. State orders and/or local data may result in modifications to the school's face covering practices. NWCTC will continue to monitor community and state transmission rates and will follow all mandates.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Students and employees will be encouraged to maintain physical distance to the maximum extent feasible and appropriate. NWCTC will follow guidance from the local Health Department, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and any applicable Governor's orders.

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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 throughout the building
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	NWCTC will continue to modify cleaning procedures as recommended by the local Health Department, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and any applicable Governor's orders. NWCTC will recommend use of preventative measures to ensure clean facilities including nightly cleaning of facilities. Ventilation systems will be monitored to allow for the greatest air exchange possible without losing efficiency. Faculty will be encouraged to open classrooms when feasible for additional air flow.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	NWCTC will follow guidance from the local Health Department, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and any applicable Governor's orders. NWCTC will work with sending school districts administrations and nursing staff on health related issues of actual and potential exposure. Notifications will be sent to building staff and students with appropriate information as needed. Procedures will be monitored based on CDC guidelines in affect at that time. Monitor that students and staff meet requirements to return to the school safely.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing ;	NWCTC will encourage all individuals to monitor their symptoms. Employees and students are required to report positive diagnosis of Covid 19 to administration. Staff will be encouraged to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	Vaccinations will be provided to students by the respective sending school district. Staff members have been <u>provided several opportunities</u> to be vaccinated. NWCTC will continue to provide information regarding <u>vaccination opportunities</u> .
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Appropriate accommodations will be handled on an individual student-by-student basis in accordance with the current federal and state laws for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and procedures.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	NWCTC will collaborate with state and local health officials by directly contacting them as needed or directly through known contacts. Additionally, administration will continue to coordinate with sending districts.

**Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

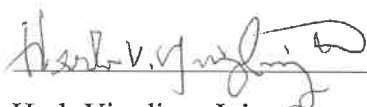
The Joint Operating Committee for the **Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **8-19-2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

**Yes 6                      No 0**

Affirmed on: 8-19-2021

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Herb Yingling, Joint Operating Committee President