

## 2021-22 Health & Safety Plan Summary: Steel Center for Career & Technical Education

Initial Effective Date: July 1, 2021  
Date of Last Review: **February 28, 2022**  
Date of Last Revision: **February 28, 2022**

- 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?**

*Steel Center for Career and Technical Education receives guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), and the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD). Steel Center will work in coordination with these agencies, and other federal, state & local authorities as necessary, to develop and refine expectations that meet all requirements*

*Steel Center will develop a communications document that will be posted on the school's website and communicated to students, parents, staff, and other stakeholders each time the Health and Safety Plan is updated.*

*Steel Center will revise this plan as necessary, based on changing guidance at any of these levels, at the required frequency. Such changes will be communicated to all stakeholders.*

- 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?**

*Steel Center will continue to ensure safe learning and working environments for all students and staff.*

*Steel Center will provide in-person instruction during the 2021-22 school year. In events of Covid-related school closures and student absences, Steel Center is prepared to provide instruction virtually to allow for continuity of learning in conjunction with the school's Instructional Time application under Section 520.1 and approved by the local governing body and PDE. Steel Center will be able to quickly modify instructional delivery models to in-person instruction, virtual/remote instruction, and/or hybrid instruction.*

*Steel Center will continue to ensure all students receive instruction that meets state and federal standards and have the necessary support for success, including access to technology and connectivity.*

- 3. The following table explains 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.**

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**ARP ESSER Requirement – Strategies, Policies, and Procedures**

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<p>a. <b>Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b></p>	<p><b>Steel Center will notify all parents/guardians of the most recent recommendations of POE, PADOH and CDC guidance on wearing masks throughout the school year.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>In the absence of a State mask mandate, Steel Center parents/guardians will be given the option to have their child wear a mask in the school buildings.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>In the absence of a State mask mandate, Steel Center staff will be given the option to wear a mask during the school day in the school buildings.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Staff and students will be trained and reminded of proper mask use.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>All implementation strategies will adhere to the student's IEP or 504 plan.</b></li> </ul> <p><del>Beginning August 23, 2021, and independent of any state masking mandates, Steel Center will require masks for all students, staff, and visitors when indoors and at the school. This mask REQUIREMENT will be revised as necessary using updated data and guidance.</del></p> <p>Signs teaching how to correctly wear a mask consistent with CDC guidelines will be posted.</p>
<p>b. <b>Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)</b></p>	<p>Steel Center is a shared-time career and technical school whose students attend part-time. Steel Center will maintain physical distancing as recommended by the ACHD, as feasible. Class arrangements and hallway travel will also be altered, if needed, to maintain effective physical distancing. Steel Center will continue to rely on the ACHD’s guidance to design safe instructional and work spaces for all individuals.</p>
<p>c. <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</b></p>	<p>All individuals will continue to be encouraged and reminded to sanitize or wash their hands on a frequent basis.</p> <p>Sanitizing stations will be positioned at each entrance of the school, the main lobby, and within each classroom/office area. Signs will be posted reminding staff and students of the importance of proper handwashing, and the proper covering of mouths/face during coughing and sneezing.</p>
<p>d. <b><u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>;</b></p>	<p>Steel Center will continue to follow proper cleaning and sanitizing protocols following CDC, EPA, and manufacturer guidelines.</p> <p>Ventilation management remains a critical strategy to clean and maintain healthy facilities.</p> <p>Hand sanitizing stations will be utilized throughout the building.</p>

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	<p>Cleaning will continue on a routine basis, especially with high-touch items, including cleaning of restrooms, lobby, conference rooms and work areas.</p> <p>Cleaning products are approved on the EPA COVID-19 approved sanitization products list. Additional cleaning/disinfecting products are available for staff use as needed - disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, hand soap, and paper towels.</p>
<p><b>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</u></b></p>	<p>Steel Center will continue to assist the ACHD with contact tracing, if necessary, using their recommendations to assist families and staff with understanding isolation and quarantine requirements.</p> <p>Steel Center will follow general and case-specific guidance issued by the Allegheny County Health Department regarding isolation and quarantine for suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19.</p> <p>We will respond to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 by Steel Center Call Allegheny County Health Department’s (ACHD) COVID Hotline (1-888-856-2774), who will provide guidance on disease information, appropriate letters and communications, identification of high-risk individuals, appropriate action and treatment and ongoing support and assistance.</p> <p>Information about a positive or suspected positive case may come from a variety of sources. Upon positive confirmation, take the individual immediately and discretely to designated COVID-19 isolation space (placed in an isolation area, not in the mainstream such as a conference room).</p> <p>Close off areas used by ill person (placed in isolation area, not in the mainstream such as a conference room) If recommended by CDC, PDE, and the Allegheny County Health Department, wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>If a potential exposure is communicated to the school, the ACHD will be immediately contacted for guidance and protocol.</p>
<p><b>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u></b></p>	<p>Steel Center will continue to recommend that all students and staff receive the COVID-19 vaccination. This is voluntary. Steel Center will continue to recommend that individuals that do not feel well or are experiencing symptoms to NOT report to school/work.</p> <p>Steel Center will regularly communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders in an effort to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments.</p>

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	<p>The ACHD recommends that Steel Center refer any individual in need of a COVID-19 test to a health provider or other testing programs.</p> <p>Beginning February 7, 2022, Steel Center will utilize Covid-19 Rapid Tests with staff and students whose families give permission. This is voluntary and is being done to provide data and assist with quarantine recommendations when conducting contact tracing/case investigations.</p>
<p><b>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u></b></p>	<p>Steel Center and the ACHD have provided information, resources, or space to administer vaccinations to school communities. Steel Center will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>
<p><b>h. <u>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.</u></b></p>	<p>Steel Center shall ensure that all students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations as outlined in their Individual Education Plan(IEP) or 504 service plan.</p> <p>Steel Center will continue to meet those needs through the IEP/504 process, and Steel Center will continue to design and follow any individualized health and safety plan for the students we serve.</p> <p>Steel Center will continue to train staff and contractors on Universal Precautions.</p> <p>Steel Center will regularly communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders in an effort to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments. For example, individuals will be reminded to not report to school or to work if they are not well or are experiencing symptoms that would cause them to seek medical attention.</p> <p>Steel Center will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>
<p><b>i. <u>Coordination with state and local health officials.</u></b></p>	<p>Steel Center will work collaboratively with the ACHD, PDE, and the sending districts to monitor community COVID data, recommendations, and to coordinate contact tracing.</p> <p>Steel Center will rely on best practices, informed by federal, state, and local guidance, to design and implement high-quality, student-centered instructional environments.</p> <p>Specifically, Steel Center will rely on local health authority guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals.</p> <p>Steel Center will continue to facilitate ongoing forums for discussion and planning with federal, state, and local health authorities, and among local schools.</p>

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**Sample Daily Schedules from Application to Submit Instructional Template under PDE Section 520.1**

See attachments

*NOTE: These models may change depending on the impact of COVID-19 cases within the school and/or community.*

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

*The Joint Operating Committee of Steel Center for Career and Technical Education originally reviewed and approved the **Steel Center 2021-22 Health and Safety Plan** on August 3, 2021, reviewed and approved modifications on September 7, 2021, February 1, 2022, and **March 1, 2022.***

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes  
 No

Affirmed on: **March 1, 2022**

By:

**David Schaap**  
**Current President, Steel Center for CTE Joint Operating Committee**

Connie Ruhl  
Past President, Steel Center for CTE Joint Operating Committee (July 1, 2021 to December 3, 2021)

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