Health and Safety Plan Summary: SUN Area Technical Institute

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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?

   SUN Tech will utilize the most recent guidelines provided by the Pennsylvania Department Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and guidance from the Center from Disease Control to develop a local Health and Safety Plan approved by the Joint Operating Committee. All information will be available on the SUN Tech website as updates occur (at a minimum of every 6 months).

   SUN Tech is prepared with the recommended disinfectants, electrostatic sprayers, PPE, and screening procedures to carry out the necessary procedures for everyone's safety.

   If the level of community transmission warrants, SUN Tech may limit in-person industry activities, clinics, and visits on-campus.

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?

   SUN Tech will ensure access to remote learning opportunities by providing each student with a technology device and access to internet where needed. Instructors will utilize Microsoft Teams as our learning platform for Flexible Instruction Days (weather/emergency events) and for those students who are required to quarantine. In some instances, industry learning platforms will also be integrated into the lesson materials. Paraprofessionals will work with all students in need of assistance while in-person or in quarantine situations, along with assisting to meet student accommodations. IT holds routine office hours daily Monday to Friday to support technology for students and staff who may be quarantining. SUN Tech is prepared to implement a hybrid/remote model should a situation arise.

   Student health, guidance and career services are available during normal school hours Monday to Friday for all students. Our Student Awareness Team will communicate with students failing to attend, struggling, or being referred by staff.

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.

	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;	SUN Area Technical Institute will encourage students and staff to voluntarily wear masks at any time, as it pertains to SARS-CoV-2 or respiratory illness. Students who desire to wear a mask during the school day will be required to use a disposable, district supplied mask, that will be available at any student entrance and each program. Students or staff members will be required to wear a mask if they test positive or exposed to a positive and return within the quarantine period. Individuals are asked to consider masking when unable to work at least 3' apart. Students enrolled in our Health, Dental, and Cosmetology programs will implement masking procedures as required by the profession while working in the lab space. Federal and State orders along with local data trends may result in modifications to the masking procedures at SUN Area Technical Institute. The school Safety and Health Coordinator will monitor data and guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health and Education while working with the State Epidemiologists. Administration has the authority to enforce quarantining by small groups, whole programs, or school-wide should a large number of positive cases appear related to cases in the building. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks will be always available, shields and gloves will be available upon request. SUN Tech is prepared to move into a full mask mandate if necessary.

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	All individuals, students, employees, and visitors utilizing school transportation vehicles will mask appropriately according to Federal or State masking requirements.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	SUN Area Technical Institute will promote physical distancing to the maximum extent possible in our buildings. When possible, students will be encouraged to maintain 3-6 feet distance from one another unless utilizing PPE equipment. Students attending SUN Tech will be in cohorts throughout the school day. When individual cohort of student populations is not possible, such as math class, a recommended 6-foot distance will be maintained. SUN Tech is prepared to move into a hybrid learning model if necessary.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	Students and employees are encouraged to practice good handwashing hygiene and respiratory etiquette which include: Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, washing hands frequently, using hand sanitizer when washing is not available, coughing or sneezing into the elbow, or wearing a mask when respiratory illness is present. Students and employees are also encouraged to cover sneezes/coughs. Informational and educational materials will be displayed throughout the building at SUN Tech to encourage proper hygiene

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	etiquette and added to the COVID tab on the SUN Tech website.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	The buildings at SUN Area Technical Institute will continue to follow their daily cleaning schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. In addition to daily cleaning of surfaces, when COVID-19 cases arise, sanitation of common areas and classrooms will be completed. Sanitation stations will be located throughout the building at entry points to the building, cafeteria, and all classroom areas.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Contract tracing, isolation and quarantine procedures will continue to be implemented for COVID-19 cases. The procedures will be under the guidance of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and approved by the local JOC. SUN Tech will utilize an isolation room, when necessary, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while waiting to quarantine symptomatic students. The school Health and Safety Coordinator will continue to work with the Department of Health nurses and epidemiologists to implement these necessary practices. For students exposed at SUN Tech, only symptomatic students will be quarantined. Parents of immune compromised students will be contacted if a known exposure occurs. Students exposed to a positive in the household will need to follow quarantining procedures. Please refer to the Quarantine and Testing Procedures Attachment.
f. Diagnostic, screening, and testing;	SUN Tech will encourage self-screening prior to students arriving at school in the

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	morning. If students are feeling ill with symptoms similar to COVID-19, students will be asked to remain home. SUN Tech is prepared to implement morning temperature screenings if the need arises. Parents and students questioning their symptoms and their attendance at school can contact the school Health and Safety Coordinator to seek further guidance and clarity on questions about attending school. Current Quarantining procedures: Exposure to a positive COVID-19 case will require a 10-day quarantine or 5-day quarantine and masked days 6 through 10 to return to school early. If student has (vaccinated or unvaccinated) a positive COVID-19 test result, student will be asked to quarantine 10 full days or 5- day quarantine, be symptom free, with negative test results, and masked day 6 through 10 from the test date to return to school early. Please follow all guidance provided by the School Health and Safety Coordinator to ensure a safe return. The family will be encouraged to follow up with their Primary Care Physician for further guidance and doctor's recommendations will be followed. Students who are exposed to a positive case within the household must quarantine 10-days and remain masked for an additional 5-days when returning to school. If the student is **vaccinated**, they may return to the building only if consenting to proper masking until a negative test result

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	taken 5 days after symptoms/exposure can be obtained or note from the Primary Care Physician can be obtained that they are safe to return to school. If the negative test or note is not produced students will maintain masking for 10 days while on campus. Employees will be encouraged not to come to work if they are ill with symptoms consistent to those of COVID-19 and to contact their Primary Care Physician for additional guidance or opt for drive-up testing offered at SUN. Testing: Students in the Health Professions course interested in completing the clinical portion of the program to sit for the Certified Nurse Aide Registry will be required to test weekly at SUN Tech during the clinical experience. Should the test results be positive, students will have the opportunity to seek testing from a medical provider for a second test to verify results are accurate to participate in the clinical. Second tests are at the family's expense and home test kit results are not acceptable. In an effort to return people to the building as soon as possible, all students and school employees will have the opportunity to test on a voluntary basis if they have been exposed to a positive case or experiencing symptoms while the PA DOH testing program for schools is in place. For students exposed at SUN Tech, if the parent & health coordinator determines the risk level is low, the may parent prefer the student to remain in the classroom

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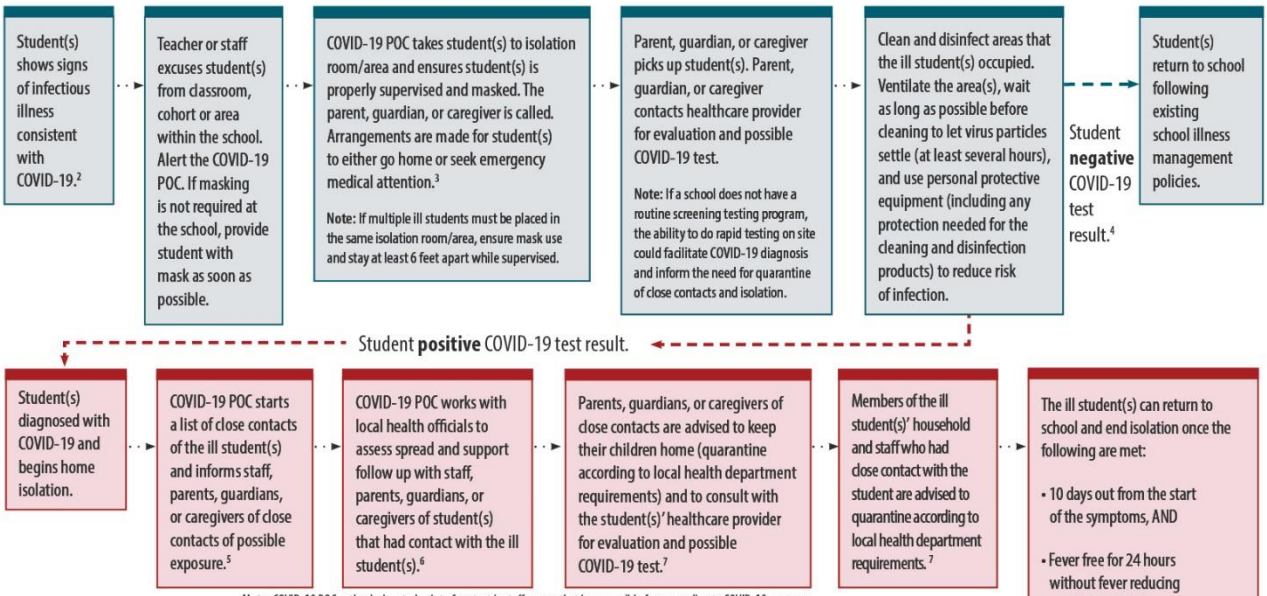
	setting for 10 days with recommended masking. For students with a high risk, parents will be encouraged to consider quarantining and testing procedures. Please refer to the Quarantine and Testing Procedures Attachment.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;	SUN Tech has participated with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit to promote vaccinations among faculty and staff members. SUN Tech will provide information regarding local vaccinations centers to school community.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students and employees with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities will have access to the same programs and opportunities as non-disabled peers, as well as accommodations detailed within their IEP or 504 plans based on their individual needs. IEP teams will address needs related to COVID-19 and will determine appropriate accommodations. Note: Given the nature of our programs and State requirements for CTE, SUN Tech does not offer a complete online curriculum for any of our programs. Individuals requiring accommodations will need to provide medical documentation from a doctor who is qualified to review the total health situation of the individual and clearly state accommodations to be provided.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	SUN Tech's Health and Safety Coordinator will work with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's assigned nurse and epidemiologist. The coordinator will assist in making conscious decisions regarding COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT BECOMES SICK OR REPORTS A NEW COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS AT SCHOOL[1]



Note: COVID-19 POC = the designated point of contact (a staff person that is responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns, such as director)

[1] Scenario based on geographic area with community transmission of SARS-COV-2 the virus that causes COVID-19.

[2] The most common symptoms of COVID-19 in children include fever or chills, cough, nasal congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, stomachache, tiredness, headache, muscle or body aches, and poor appetite or poor feeding (especially in babies under 1 year old).

[3] Schools that do not have a universal mask requirement could require masking by students, teachers, and staff if they are experiencing onset of upper respiratory infection symptoms at school while waiting to be picked up or leave the school.

[4] With no known close contact.

[5] Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset,regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask. See exception in the definition for the exclusion of students in the K-12 indoor classroom: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact

[6] To the extent allowable by applicable laws regarding privacy.

[7] CDC guidance provides that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine, but should get tested after an exposure to someone with COVID-19.

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