

# 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).

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 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.

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.

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a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	SUN Area Technical Institute will allow students and staff to voluntarily wear masks at any time, as it pertains to SARS-CoV-2 or respiratory illness.

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	<p>Students who desire to wear a mask during the school day will be required to use a disposable, school supplied mask, that will be available in the nurse's office.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks will be available.</p>
b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	SUN Area Technical Institute will promote physical distancing to the maximum extent possible in our buildings.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	<p>Students and employees are encouraged to practice good handwashing hygiene and respiratory etiquette which include:</p> <p>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.</p>
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	The buildings at SUN Area Technical Institute will continue to follow their daily cleaning schedule for the 2023-2024

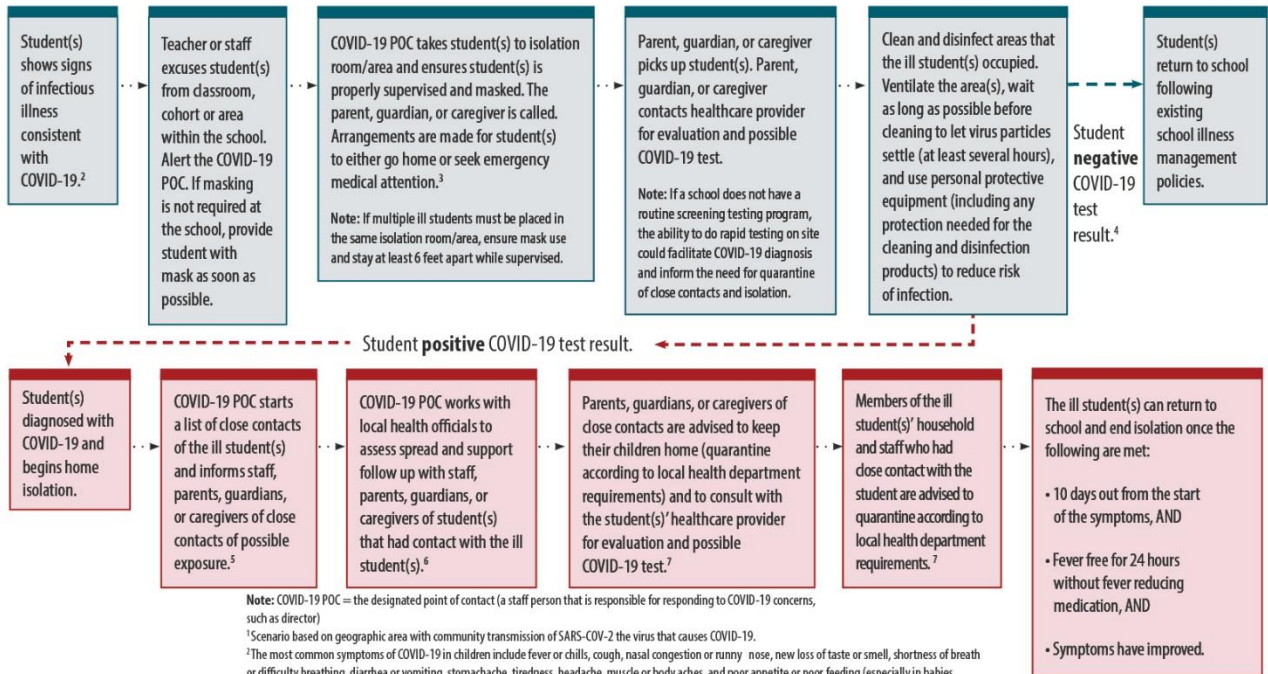
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	<p>school year. Sanitation stations will be located throughout the building.</p> <p>SUN Tech has installed new ionic air purifying roof units.</p>
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<p>Quarantine procedures will continue to be implemented for positive COVID-19 cases. The procedures will be under the guidance of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and approved by the local JOC.</p> <p>The school Health and Safety Coordinator will continue to work with the Department of Health nurses and epidemiologists to implement necessary practices.</p>
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> , screening, and testing;	<p>SUN Tech will encourage self-screening prior to students arriving at school in the morning. If students are feeling ill with symptoms similar to COVID-19, students will be asked to remain home.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Enrollment in the Health Related programs may require COVID-19 testing prior to participation in clinical experiences.</p>
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	<p>SUN Tech has participated with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit to</p>

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	<p>promote vaccinations among faculty and staff members.</p> <p>SUN Tech will assist parents and students to provide information regarding local vaccinations centers to school community when such information is requested.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students and employees with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>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.</p>

# WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT BECOMES SICK OR REPORTS A NEW COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS AT SCHOOL<sup>1</sup>



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

<sup>1</sup>Scenario based on geographic area with community transmission of SARS-COV-2 the virus that causes COVID-19.

<sup>2</sup>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).

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>With no known close contact.

<sup>5</sup>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>

<sup>6</sup>To the extent allowable by applicable laws regarding privacy.

<sup>7</sup>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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