

# Upper Bucks County Technical School Reopening Plan Summary

***Instructional Plan***

***August 27, 2020***

## **1. What is the plan for students returning this fall?**

At the July 27th JOC special meeting the Administration presented two options for approval. Traditional reopening, and the Hybrid model. The board voted 9-0 for a traditional opening beginning September 2nd.

As the COVID conditions improved in the Upper Bucks region, the UBCTS will be starting the 20/21 school year **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** 100% in-person learning. Conversely, if cases rise dramatically, the school could easily move to the hybrid model explained below. We will move to 100% remote/virtual only if absolutely necessary

Traditional Reopening to start the school year with a traditional opening. The start date for our students will be **Sept 2nd**. We will be keeping the schedule that has been approved by the joint operating committee. All proper safety precautions will and are set in place for a safe return to UBCTS. (This option will depend on the Governor's order and not impose any new restrictions other than the face mask mandate).

Hybrid/Staggered Start model would be for all of our students whereby approximately half of the students will be in the building for live instruction for their Career and Technical program, while the other half of students remain at home and follow their daily schedule remotely. UBCTS students would meet face- to- face two days a week and would be required to participate remotely three days a week. Example: Pennridge and Palisades will meet face to face Tuesday and Friday. Q-town will meet Mon, and Thurs. Wednesdays will be a full virtual educational day for all students. Those students who may need additional support or help on projects may use this day for make-up work. Wednesday will also be an opportunity for disinfecting/cleaning and ventilation of the school buildings. (This option will depend on the Governor's order in the following months)

If there are any changes, all stakeholders will be notified through a phone call, email, website, and social media.

***\*\*\*All Quakertown, Palisades, and Pennridge Students will begin the 2020-2021 school year Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020\*\*\****

*UBCTS will be closed Friday, Sept 4th, and Monday Sept 7th, 2020.*

## **2. Will UBCTS students be required to complete the online curriculum?**

Yes, if UBCTS is reduced to a hybrid or virtual model student will be required to complete online course work on all days they are not assigned to attend UBCTS.

## **3. What if I do not have a computer or internet access?**

Please contact your sending school district.

## **4. Can a student attend UBCTS if they have decided to attend a cyber-program?**

Yes, if the technical student attends a school district cyber program (virtual) program it is not an issue at all. Students can use district transportation from the sending school to UBCTS. Charter school students may not attend UBCTS.

## **5. Can students still participate in cooperative education?**

Yes, employers will be required to follow all safety protocols.

## **6. Will NOCTI be waived?**

UBCTS is waiting on guidance from PDE regarding NOCTI. As of now, we will make every effort to prepare our seniors for the NOCTI exam.

## ***Health and Safety***

### **1. Will students be required to wear a face mask?**

Yes, students and staff will be required to wear a mask at all times, unless instructed otherwise by a staff member. [Face Coverings and Masks\\*](#)

### **2. What happens if a student has a medical condition preventing them from wearing a mask?**

A parent note will be required excusing the student from wearing a mask. However, UBCTS reserves the right to ask for additional documentation, such as a doctor's note. (any students who have an IEP or 504 Plan are not required to wear a mask as long as it is stated in their IEP or 504 plan)

### **3. Will UBCTS conduct temperature checks?**

Not at this time (visit our website [www.ubtech.org](http://www.ubtech.org) for the guidelines).

### **4. Will parents/guardians be asked to complete a symptom check every day?**

Yes, parents/guardians will be asked to complete a symptom check every day prior to sending their child to school ([www.ubtech.org](http://www.ubtech.org)).

## **5. Will social distancing be followed?**

Yes. The UBCTS is making every adjustment necessary to meet the 6-foot requirement as best we can. The flow of traffic patterns will be utilized and floor markings will be placed throughout the school.

## **6. Will students/parents be notified if there is a COVID-19 case at the school?**

Yes. The Bucks County Department of Health will be the lead on this

## **7. When can a student return if they are sick or have been around someone who had COVID-19?**

Follow the BCHD recommendations ([FAQ Bucks County School Guidelines \(pdf\)](#)).

## **8. What is UBCTS doing to ensure that the building is cleaned and sanitized for the students?**

UBCTS will be following CDC guidelines and recommendations to ensure we are doing what we can to provide a safe learning environment. Below is a list containing some of the key actions UBCTS will be taking.

- Rooms will be cleaned and sanitized every night.
- School will go through a more thorough cleaning every Wednesday.
- All high touch areas (door handles, countertops, etc.) will be wiped down multiple times a day.
- Equipment and tool sharing will be limited. If a tool or piece of equipment has to be shared, students will be required to wipe them down after use.
- Students/staff will be required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the classroom.
- UBCTS will implement a flow of traffic to reduce student congestion.
- Fresh air intake has been increased in our HVAC system.
- Water fountains are disabled. New water stations are being installed. Bottle water will be allowed.
- A quarantine area has been set up for any student or staff member who may be showing symptoms.

# Transportation & Schedule

## 1. Can a student drive to UBCTS?

Yes. If students are not using district transportation or if transportation is not provided students will be allowed to drive to UBCTS. A parking pass must be obtained (visit [www.ubtech.org](http://www.ubtech.org)) for proper parking paperwork. We will be accepting applications first come first serve starting with our CO-OP students, seniors, and then juniors. Applications can be picked-up and dropped off at the school August 25, 26, 27, and 31<sup>st</sup> from 8am till 3pm. Any student who does not have a completed application by the Deadline August 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm will be denied the privilege to drive.

## 2. Will UBCTS serve lunch to students?

Yes. Students who are scheduled to eat lunch at UBCTS will be provided the opportunity to purchase lunch. Due to social distancing requirements, students will eat their lunch in the cafeteria or their program area. Lunch offerings will be limited due to these changes.

### \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

The cafeteria at UBCTS will be utilizing a cashless system for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents will be asked to add money in the following ways:

Our online payment system [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)

Send a check or cash in a sealed envelope with the child's full name and ID number. A locked box will be available for drop off in the main office and will be checked twice per day by cafeteria staff.

Mail a check to Upper Bucks County Technical School, 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Please make sure the child's full name and ID number are written on the check.

This will allow for reduced interaction, and more efficient flow in the line without cafeteria staff having to change gloves and sanitize in between each transaction.

## 3. Will UBCTS be running on a normal bell schedule?

Yes. UBCTS will be running on a normal day schedule. If there are any changes in scheduling students/parents will be notified via phone call, email, website, and social media. The UBCTS bell schedule is as follows:

### Bell Schedule

Time	Activity
8:03	Palisades Students Report to Class
8:25	Pennridge and Quakertown Students Report to Class
10:45	Quakertown Dismissal
10:45 – 11:10	Lunch - AM (Pennridge & Palisades Students);
11:10 – 11:35	Lunch -PM (Pennridge & Palisades Students)
11:28	Quakertown Arrives and Reports to Class
11:35	All Other PM Students Report to Class
1:47	Quakertown Dismissal
2:00	Student Driver's Dismissal
2:05	Pennridge and Palisades Dismissal

**4. Will UBCTS allow parents to drop off and pick up students?** Yes. UBCTS will allow parents to drop off and pick up students at a designated time and area of the school's front parking lot.

**AM Students**

- Drop-off: 8:15
- Pick-up (if NOT having lunch): 10:45am
- Pick-up (if having lunch): 11:15am

**PM Students**

- Drop-off (if having lunch): 11:10am
- Drop-off (if NOT having lunch): 11:35am
- Pickup: 2pm