



## **Health and Safety Plan Summary:** **Upper Bucks County Technical School**

**Initial Effective Date: August 21, 2020**

**Last Revision July 11, 2022**

**Board Approved July 11, 2022**

**Introduction:** Upper Bucks County Technical School operations will be implemented in the same manner as those in place prior to the pandemic; the exceptions will be fully described within this document.

**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?**

This plan will continually be monitored to consider updated CDC and Bucks County Department of Health (BCDH) recommendations. The plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary at the administrative level by the school's Health and Safety Planning team as well as the building level teams. The revisions will be recommended to the Board for approval and changes will be communicated to students, staff and the greater school community.

**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?**

Our methods for educational delivery for the 2022-23 school year will be:

1. In-person instruction on a normal, Monday through Friday schedule.
2. The following options will be available to families:
  - A. Face to face, in-classroom instruction
  - B. Homeschool/face to face (this option has long been available to our homeschool families)

As always, student medical issues which require a temporary leave from school will be addressed on a case by case basis to determine appropriate instructional alternatives to continue the student's education in consideration of information provided by the student's health care provider, parent/guardians, principal and counselor, and IEP/504 team, if applicable.

To address the issue of mental health concerns for our students and staff, the following measures will be in place for the 2022-23 school year:

1. A licensed professional counselor (LPC) provided by IU, in addition to the 2 building school counselors, are available to provide mental health support for students and

connect families with services

2. Staff will be routinely reminded of how to access the district Employee Assistance Program
3. Teacher support group developed last year will continue
4. Professional development options will continue that support mental health/stress reduction
5. Behavioral health supports will also be added through a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

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.

<b>ARP ESSER Requirement Strategies, Policies, and Procedures</b>	
<b>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</b>	Masks will be optional for all that choose to wear them while on Upper Bucks County Technical School property or participating in school-sponsored events. If a School-sponsored event is taking place at an outside location then the participants will follow that venue's regulations.
<b>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Classroom configurations will promote learning and maximize distancing where feasible.</li><li>● Building faculty meetings, full administrative team meetings, and professional development activities will occur in person unless designated as virtual by the meeting coordinator.</li></ul>
<b>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● General hand hygiene will be practiced throughout the day to minimize spread through the use of common items.</li><li>● Proper handwashing technique signs will be posted in all bathrooms and sinks</li><li>● Video monitors will be used to inform students and staff on handwashing hygiene</li></ul>

<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All high-touch surfaces are cleaned/disinfected by the custodial crew daily (water fountains, door handles, desks, light switches, etc.) following posted EPA/CDC/manufacture guidelines.</li> <li>● Clean desks on a frequent basis (soap and water for students/cleaning solution for faculty/staff).</li> <li>● Students and staff should sanitize/wash hands on a frequent basis. (Make hand sanitizer available in common areas, hallways, and/or in classrooms where sinks for handwashing are not available).</li> <li>● PE equipment will be cleaned daily</li> <li>● All Water fountains have been replaced with no touch fountains, faculty/staff and students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home and use filling stations.</li> <li>● Ventilate all classrooms and common areas.</li> <li>● When the AC is running - doors and windows will be closed. Exterior doors will remain locked. Quarterly Changes will occur to maximize airflow.</li> </ul>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use strategies similar to those used with influenza, other infectious diseases in the event of a confirmed case of COVID 19.</li> <li>● Students and employees are encouraged to report positive cases of COVID 19 to the health care specialist</li> <li>● Consult with the Bucks County Health Department on decisions impacting the closure of classrooms, schools, or the district.</li> <li>● UBCTS will not be performing contact tracing. In the event that any student, staff member or visitor has been identified as a close contact by any health authority, regardless of the nature of this contact, they are encouraged to monitor for symptoms and may return to class, work or visitations as long as they remain symptom free and are not placed under official quarantine orders from that health authority.</li> </ul>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Educate all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians) on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at home before sending children to school and/or reporting to work.</li> <li>● The health care specialist or designated employee will evaluate any individual who presents with symptoms.</li> <li>● Emergency contacts must be up to date. Symptomatic students must be picked up within an hour and will not be sent home on the bus.</li> </ul>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue to work with BCDH to provide opportunities for students and community members to receive vaccinations</li> <li>● District communications vehicles will be used to distribute information regarding vaccination clinics and designated hours.</li> </ul>

<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration, IEP case managers, school health care specialists, and counselors will work with families to develop a student-specific education plan for students with complex needs.</li> <li>• The district will also collaborate with BCIU and other education providers to coordinate plans for students with complex needs.</li> </ul>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular communication will continue with the Bucks County Department of Health to confirm updated guidance from the CDC and other health officials.</li> </ul>

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Joint Operating Committee reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on

July 11, 2022. The revision of the Health and safety plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes – 9

No – 0

Affirmed on: July 11, 2022

By:

  
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