

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Forbes Road Career and Technology Center

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1. How will the school, 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?

Forbes Road Career and Technology Center (FRCTC) will continue to consult with its sending school districts and Allegheny County health professionals before making any decisions regarding safe, in person operations within our facilities. Facilities and practices will be adapted to the extent possible to ensure that appropriate prevention and mitigation processes are followed. The school will also continue to monitor the recommendations from state and federal officials regarding best practices for keeping students safe and healthy.

2. How will the school 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?

Educational models will be adapted to the needs of the students as appropriate including virtual if needed. Social, emotional, mental health and other needs will be monitored and provided by school health providers, counselors, and contracted specialists when needed. Food service will be provided using various models as appropriate to the situation, including the availability of free meals if needed for students throughout the entire year.

3. Use the table below to explain how the school 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.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	The plan is to have all students and staff wear masks while indoors unless eating. While eating, students and staff will maintain a safe distance from each other.

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	<p>Face coverings must be worn as to cover the mouth and nose.</p> <p>Face masks are a recommended mitigation strategy in the Pennsylvania's Public Health Guidance for K-12 which is jointly issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Department of Health.</p>
<p>b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>FRCTC will continue to find ways to maximize the space used in our buildings to ensure a minimum of 3-feet of social distancing for all students, staff, and faculty. We will remove excess furniture as possible and limit their movement of students where appropriate.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<p>Hand sanitizing dispensers have been installed in entrance of each classroom. Educators and students will be allowed additional time to confirm that proper handwashing technique is always being followed. CDC signage will be displayed throughout buildings on proper handwashing and cough/sneeze etiquette.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Each high-touch surface will be thoroughly cleaned daily. Additionally, common spaces, such as cafeterias, will be sanitized after each use. Additional disinfecting in high traffic areas will be reinforced as needed. The Forbes Road CTC Health and Safety Plan incorporates recent CDC guidance related to indoor air quality and the existing building ventilation systems requires upgrade to reduce the spread of disease and lower the risk of exposure. New ventilation system upgrades increase the delivery of clean outdoor air and dilute potential contaminants. The lower the concentration, the less likely viral particles can be inhaled into the lungs (potentially lowering the inhaled dose); contact eyes, nose, and mouth; or fall out of the air to accumulate on surfaces.</p>
<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>	<p>School administrators will continue to conduct direct contact tracing and will isolate students who are known close contacts until parents or guardians pick up the students. Required quarantine</p>

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	times will be reasonably enforced as directed by PA Department of Health Communication with the Department of Health will occur as needed. All affected will be notified, and where appropriate based on CDC guidelines, asked to quarantine
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	Parents are asked to perform cursory screenings of their children prior to each school day and any student or staff member feeling ill is asked to remain home. Students / staff becoming ill during the school day will be directed to the school office / administration for symptom and temperature screening. The administration will then contact parents to advise them of the next steps.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	We are working closely with the Intermediate Unit and local health officials to guarantee that the vaccine is available to all district stakeholders, and we are encouraging all stakeholders to receive the vaccine.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities documented in an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 plan will continue to receive tailored accommodations deemed necessary, appropriate, and feasible by their instructors, teachers, and special education support team. The FRCTC special education team is meeting regularly with building staff to promote sensitivity to any accommodations or needs of individual students being mindful to account for needs related to Covid mitigation and prevention.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	FRCTC has been tracking county Covid rates and vaccination rates. We will continue to seek the guidance of the county professionals, as well as state and Federal agencies as we revisit and revise our school health and safety plans. The FRCTC Administrative Director will continue to meet regularly with members of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and other school leaders on a regular basis.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Forbes Road Career and Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **October 28, 2021**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **October 28, 2021**

By:



(Signature of Board President)*

Scott Williams

(Print Name of Board President)

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