

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center

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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?

The LEA will monitor the latest recommendations from PDE, PADOH, and CDC and update their Health and Safety Plans as needed. Plans will be presented to the Joint Operating Committee for approval when changes are necessary. Facilities and practices will be adapted to the extent possible to ensure that appropriate prevention and mitigation processes are followed.

- 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?

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 referred to member district school health providers, social workers, and mental behavior specialists when needed.

- 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.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal and correct wearing of masks; 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks/face coverings are optional for all individuals (staff, students, parents/guardians, and visitors), regardless of vaccination status, in District offices, classrooms and at school-sponsored events per expiration of PA required mandate. • In the event that Federal or State masking mandates are reinstated, modified, or otherwise altered, the GACTC will act in good faith to abide by such mandates. • The GACTC will require compliance with any state or federal orders which require masks on public transportation, school buses and school vans. • Staff who travel to other locations to provide services must adhere to any local Health and Safety Plans. • Staff are expected to stay informed of the latest information and resources available. • For those who are required to wear a mask, correct and consistent mask use is a critical step everyone can take to reduce their risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staff and students will be trained on and reminded of proper mask use.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the maximum capacity for each room.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Turn desks in the same direction. ● Remove unused desks and furniture in classrooms. ● Maximize social distancing (to the extent practicable). ● Identify and utilize large spaces for social distancing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u> 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and face coverings when required. ● Provide hand soap, hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol, cleaning wipes/disinfectant spray, tissues, and paper towels in all classrooms and frequently trafficked areas. ● Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread. COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, proper respiratory etiquette and school specific protocols. ● Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. ● Use the nearest waste receptacle to dispose of tissues after use. ● Perform hand hygiene after having contact with respiratory secretions and contaminated objects or materials.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u> 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily cleaning of schools with soap and water to decrease how much of the virus is on surfaces and objects, which reduces the risk of exposure. Apply to frequently touched surfaces and objects including door handles, sink handles and drinking fountains.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least daily and throughout the day disinfecting schools and transportation vehicles using EPA- approved disinfectants against COVID-19 to reduce the risk. ● Use of routine cleaning practices for indoor areas that have not been used for 7 or more days or outdoor equipment. ● Follow standard protocols to clean surfaces that are not high touch. ● Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk (e.g., risk of falling, triggering asthma symptoms) to children using the facility.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with school administrators and school nurses to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms. ● School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission- Based Precautions when caring for sick people. ● Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick home or to a healthcare facility. ● Send out notifications to building staff and students with the appropriate information as needed. ● Develop policies and procedures based on CDC guidelines. Ensure that staff and students meet all requirements before returning to school safely.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing; 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop a system for home/self-screening and reporting procedures. ● Encourage staff to stay home if they are sick and encourage parents to keep sick children home.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>; 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with community health centers and hospitals to either provide on-site vaccinations or provide brochures and other information as to when and where staff and students can receive vaccinations at their sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure that any policy regarding face coverings or any other parts of the health and safety plans should be sensitive to the needs of students and staff with medical issues. Appropriate accommodations in compliance with federal and state laws should be made for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and procedures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordination with state and local health officials. 	<p>The following may occur as necessary to promote the health and well being of those at the GACTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LEA will work together with the Joint Task Force, PADOH, community health agencies and County Emergency Management Agencies to coordinate resources in accordance with their health and safety plan.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Joint Operating Committee for **Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **December 7, 2023**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **December 7, 2023**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

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