

**Health and Safety Plan Summary:**

**Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School**

**Initial Effective Date: August 4, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: August 1, 2023 (No Changes Made)**

**Date of Last Revision: August 4, 2021**

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 Bethlehem AVTS will monitor all published CDC, Pa DOH and PDE guidance regarding prevention and mitigation of COVID-19 and will base all decisions regarding the health and safety plan and operation of the school on such guidance, adjusted for local considerations.

1. 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?

The Bethlehem AVTS will provide continuity of regular services including student health services and food services during the regular school year as it has previously done. Students’ and staff members’ social, emotional, mental health and other needs will be addressed by the School Counselors and School Nurse (for students) and by referral to appropriate health care providers (for staff).

2. 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
a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a> ;	Bethlehem AVTS will follow CDC, PaDOH and PDE recommendations.  Students and Staff who are vaccinated are not required to wear a mask however they may wear one if they prefer to do so.

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b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Bethlehem AVTS will provide additional opportunities for social distancing. Common area spaces have been demarcated for social distancing. Distancing within classrooms and lab areas will be maintained to the maximum extent practical.
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	<p>Proper handwashing and coughing/sneezing etiquette are encouraged through extensive signage, announcements and personal intervention by school staff.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout the facility and students and staff may bring individual bottles for personal use.</p>
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	Cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols have been established and implemented and will continue as recommended/required by CDC, PaDOH and PDE.
e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	Contact tracing, isolation and quarantine protocols will continue to be implemented in accordance with CDC, PaDOH and PDE guidance.
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	<p>All individuals should still closely monitor their own symptoms and should stay home if symptomatic.</p> <p>It is critically important for students and staff to stay home regardless of whether their symptoms are indicative of COVID-19, influenza, or other infections that are more commonly transmitted through close personal contact.</p>
g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	Bethlehem AVTS students have opportunities for vaccination clinics sponsored by their sending district. All staff have been offered opportunities to be vaccinated.

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h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Individual student needs with regard to COVID-19 and health and safety concerns will be addressed on a case by case basis dependent upon the need and accommodation(s) requested consistent with in-person instruction.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Bethlehem AVTS will continue to coordinate pandemic response with officials from the PaDOH and PDE.

The Joint Committee for the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 1, 2023.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes 0 No

Affirmed on: August 1, 2023

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