

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Reading Muhlenberg CTC**

Initial Effective Date: July 1, 2021

Date of Last Review: April 10, 2023

Date of Last Revision: October 10, 2022

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 health and safety of the Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center (RMCTC) staff and students remains, as always, the top priority for the organization. The RMCTC Leadership Team and Pandemic Team continue to take critical steps and make decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, the RMCTC has identified organizational standards and expectations which outline the protocols expected of all staff members as the organization transitions forward. Protocols include the following:

- Self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms
- Communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Wear Face Coverings (in accordance with section 3.a.)
- Clean and disinfect one's workspace
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols
- Stay informed of CDC's guidance relative to travel
- Monitor communication and confidentiality
- Participate in required training
- Stay informed and maintain best practices

Expectations are based on the latest mandates issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Leadership Team and Pandemic Team will continue to monitor

<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizing supplies will be maintained and available in all areas occupied by students and staff. • Handwashing supplies will be maintained and available in all student and staff lavatories and rooms containing sinks for handwashing purposes.
<p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms and desks will be cleaned regularly, and as needed. • Electrostatic sprayer use will be considered during high community levels • School-wide building projects to improve air quality and ventilation in each building are in progress.
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no school mandated contact tracing program or ordered quarantine at this time • Staff are directed to report COVID+ cases to the office of the Administrative Director and utilize their existing paid time off, including sick leave to cover their absences. • Students/families report their COVID+ diagnosis to their school nurse. • Positive cases reported to the School Nurse are reported to the Administrative Director as needed. • Isolation for COVID+ students and staff will occur on days 1-5 of COVID-19 infection, with the first day of symptoms being Day 0. • If symptoms develop AFTER a COVID+ test, the isolation period restarts. • Isolation may end on day 6 if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No symptoms develop; or ○ Symptoms are improving and there is no use of fever reducing medication for more than 24 hours. • Quarantining upon close contact with a COVID+ case will be a parent or staff choice based on the child's or staff person's level of health and risk for COVID-19 infection. • COVID testing is strongly recommended, but not required when students and staff are ill and stay home or go home from school/work. Students and staff may return to school/work in less than 5 days if they are COVID negative or opt not to test and there is no use of fever-reducing medications for more than 24 hours
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u>;</p>	<p>RMCTC is not currently providing any diagnostic/screening tests for COVID-19. However, it continues to share pertinent information to its staff,</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Joint School Committee for **Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **April 10, 2023**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

5 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **April 10, 2023**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Cindy L. Mengle

(Print Name of Board President)

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