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EASTERN Health and Safety Plan



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# Overview

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Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

This Health and Safety Plan serves to formalize and communicate the guidelines that Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) will follow for the 2021-2022 school year as we continue to navigate through teaching and learning safely during a pandemic. This plan addresses how EASTERN will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the 2021-2022 school year. The Health and Safety Plan has been tailored to the unique needs of EASTERN and its mission to provide career training. This plan will be posted for public comment from June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>.



EASTERN will continue to use the special EASTERN Cares logo for the 2021-2022 school year to stress the values our school community will embrace to maintain a safe and inclusive school environment as we continue to navigate these challenging times. If we can all keep Respect, Equity, and Safety as the foundation for everything we do, we can make this world a better place, starting with our own school community. We are all encouraged to come together and care about ourselves, others, and our community at large.

\*LOGO designed by Emma Massinger EASTERN Commercial Art student and Hatboro-Horsham class of 2021.

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: Eastern Center for Arts and Technology

Initial Effective Date: June 21, 2021

Date of Last Review: January 12, 2022

Date of Last Revision: March 9, 2022

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?

EASTERN receives recommendations and regulations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH). EASTERN will follow the recommendations made by the Montgomery County Office of Public Health Center for Disease Control regarding masking, distancing, and other preventive and mitigation policies and adhere to any mandates issued by the PA DOH or PDE. Due to the anticipated number of changes to recommendations or requirements that may occur through the 2021-2022 school year, EASTERN will communicate specific and current safety protocols on a separate Safety Protocols document that is posted on the school's website and communicated to students, parents, staff, and other stakeholders.

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?

EASTERN serves students from nine districts. Districts provide many of these resources. In events of Covid-related school closures and student absences, EASTERN is prepared to provide instruction virtually to allow for continuity of learning.

1. 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  |
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| <p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</p> | <p>EASTERN will consider recommendations from the Montgomery County Office of Public Health, the Center for Disease Control and participating district protocols to determine when masking is required, recommended, or optional. <b>Changes to masking protocols may be made upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and approval from the Superintendent of Record.</b></p> <p>When masks are required, signs teaching how to correctly wear a mask will be posted.</p> |

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| <p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>   | <p>Students at EASTERN function in a cohort/pod for half a day, learning with the same students within their cohort. EASTERN will maintain physical distancing guidelines following recommendations of the Montgomery County Office of Public Health and aligned to participating district protocols. When recommendations and district protocols provide an opportunity to choose between multiple options, EASTERN's decision will be made in conjunction with feedback from the member districts.</p>   |
| <p>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>  | <p>Sanitizing stations will be positioned at each entrance of the school and within each classroom/office area. Signs will be posted reminding staff and students of the importance of handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p>  |
| <p>d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p>   | <p>Ventilation was improved in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. EASTERN will continue to implement cleaning protocols which include disinfecting program spaces after each session, high-touch areas, and offices.</p>   |
| <p>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;</p> | <p>EASTERN will continue to assist the MCOPH with contact tracing, as required, using their recommendations to assist families and staff with understanding isolation and quarantine requirements.</p>   |
| <p>f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>   | <p>EASTERN may, pending access to free testing, administer antigen testing for the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To allow Cosmetology students to perform live work on another student which may prevent the students from social distancing and may require at least one student to remove their mask.</li> <li>• Practical Nursing or Allied Health students who require a negative test to participate in clinical experiences at local health care facilities.</li> <li>• Events whereby antigen testing may increase access to the event or safety of the event.</li> <li>• Other scenarios as deemed appropriate.</li> </ul> |
| <p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>  | <p>EASTERN's member districts and the MCOPH have provided information, resources, or space to administer vaccinations to school communities.</p>   |
| <p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>   | <p>EASTERN shall ensure that all students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations as outlined in their Individual Education Plan.</p>   |
| <p>i. Coordination with state and</p>   | <p>EASTERN will work collaboratively with the MCOPH, and any other required agencies to report positive</p>  |

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| local health officials. | cases, monitor COVID-19 data, receive safety recommendations, and contact-trace as required. |

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Eastern Center for Arts and Technology reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on March 9, 2022.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

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Affirmed on: March 9, 2022

By:



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*(Signature\* of Board President)*

Art Levinowitz

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*(Print Name of Board President)*

\*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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