

The Central PA Institute of Science and Technology (CPI) has created a Health and Safety Plan which will serve as the local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional activities during the 2021-2022 school year. The Health and Safety Plan developed for CPI is tailored to our unique needs and was done in consultation with local health advisors and our sending districts. Given the dynamic nature of the pandemic, we have incorporated flexibility to adapt to changing conditions.

This version of CPI's Health and Safety Plan was reviewed/approved by Joint Operating Committee on August 9, 2021 and was posted on the CPI website (cpi.edu) prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to monitor our Health and Safety Plan throughout the year and update as needed.

Level of Community Transmission

CPI will employ Layered Prevention and Mitigation Strategies for the 2021-2022 school year. CPI expects to operate in-person schooling in a safe and continuous manner following a normal operating schedule unless the COVID-19 pandemic indicates a need to phase in or add additional layers of protection for students and staff. Such Prevention Strategies and Mitigation Efforts will be based on Levels of Community Transmission as well as building and classroom data, reviewed weekly by the CPI Pandemic Team and School Leadership Team.

In alignment with CDC guidance, categories for level of community transmission include, low, moderate, substantial, and high.

Face Coverings/Masks

Face Covering/Masks are recommended for unvaccinated students, staff, and visitors. Face Coverings/Masks are optional for those CPI students, staff, and visitors that are vaccinated. Face Coverings/Masks will be required for everyone when using CPI transportation, though drivers will not need one while they are alone.

If data indicates, face coverings/masks may be required for all students, staff, and visitors at CPI, campus-wide, in a specific building or program area, or within specific section of a building. Such decisions will be made in consultation with the sending districts, building data, the PA Department of Health, or as a result of CDC guidelines.

Physical Distancing

Teaching staff may continue to use physical distancing in classrooms and labs as they deem necessary to maintain the health and safety of students.

If data indicates, physical distancing requirements of 3' or 6' may be required in classrooms, labs, and public spaces as feasible.

Handwashing, Sanitizing, Cleaning, and Respiratory Etiquette

All classrooms, labs, offices, and public areas are equipped with hand sanitizer or hand washing facilities.

Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing is recommended to all staff and students upon entering the facility and/or classroom, during transitions between activities, after food/beverage consumption, after using the restroom, and before exiting the classroom/building. Staff and students will be reminded of the proper etiquette on handwashing/sanitizing and how to cover mouths when sneezing/coughing. In addition, signage and reminders will be provided.

Cleaning supplies will continue to be provided to all instructors, program areas, classrooms, and offices. Instructors are expected to clean desks and other surfaces used by students at the conclusion of each class. Areas where there was an individual with a confirmed positive case will be thoroughly disinfected and cleaned by the custodial/maintenance staff.

Screening and Testing

All students, staff, and visitors are asked to complete a self-check for the following signs of illness before reporting to school each day: fever of 100.4 or higher/chills, sore throat, cough/shortness of breath, diarrhea/vomiting/nausea, abdominal pain, headache, and new loss of taste or smell. If the student, staff, or visitor has two or more of these symptoms, they should not report to school. The CPI School Nurse should be contacted for additional information and guidance.

Health/temperature screening stations may be reactivated at CPI for all staff and visitors at any time.

The School Nurse will:

- Develop Sick Day/Stay at Home Guidelines for parents and students and make recommendations to parents regarding school attendance for students with medical symptoms or exposure as they relate to COVID-19.
- Offer referrals for diagnostic testing to any student/family to testing centers as indicated by symptoms or known exposure to COVID-19 and maintain a list of places for testing on the CPI website (cpi.edu).

Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine

CPI requests that staff and families immediately report positive cases to the school to facilitate contact tracing and ensure communication and planning.

Anyone showing signs or symptoms or anyone who is considered to be an unvaccinated close contact will be isolated and quarantined based upon CDC guidelines. Quarantine may be imposed by CPI on individuals as appropriate and needed to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

Students who are isolated or quarantined will have the opportunity to participate in classes remotely to the extent possible. The use of Google Classroom and other program specific instructional platforms may be utilized for maintaining participation in learning.

CPI will coordinate with local and state officials on testing, isolation, quarantine and vaccination sites as appropriate.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

CPI will follow all IEP's, 504's, and board policies and procedures.

Temporary Remote Learning Options

CPI is committed to remaining open to in-person learning and operating normally until all prevention measures in the community have been employed before adding other mitigation measures. CPI has received approval under *Section 520.1 – 2021-2022 School Year Emergency Instructional Template* to use up to five remote learning days should this layer of mitigation be needed in the upcoming school year.

Students and staff will be notified via the SchoolReach Notification System, email, and/or social media regarding school closures. Staff will provide their students with information at the beginning of the school year on the process that they are responsible for following for virtual learning during Emergency Instructional Days (EID's).

Instructors should be ready to deliver remote instruction to their students at any time throughout the school year. Full remote learning is not available at CPI unless the entire facility or individual program areas must close for an extended period of time.