

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 February 14, 2022 and was posted on the CPI website (cpi.edu) on February 15, 2022. We will continue to monitor our Health and Safety Plan 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 optional for all students, staff, and visitor. Face Coverings/Masks may be required for students and staff identified as close contacts to positive cases or after returning from a quarantine as a result of testing positive for COVID-19. 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, in a specific building or program area, or within specific section of the facility. 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 so that quarantining measures can be implemented as necessary and appropriate. Anyone showing signs or symptoms should notify the CPI School Nurse. 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.

When to Stay Home

The date of exposure is considered day 0. **Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.** Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days.

<p>If you were exposed to COVID-19 and are NOT up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations</p>	<p>Quarantine for at least 5 days</p> <p>Stay home Stay home and quarantine for at least 5 full days.</p> <p>Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.</p> <p>Get Tested Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19</p>	<p>After quarantine...</p> <p>Watch for symptoms Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had contact with someone with COVID-19.</p> <p>If you develop symptoms Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others.</p>	<p>Take precautions until day 10</p> <p>Wear a mask Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask.</p> <p>Avoid Travel</p> <p>Avoid being around people who are at high risk</p>
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<p>If you were exposed to COVID-19 and are up-to-date with vaccinations OR had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days (you tested positive using a viral test).</p>	<p>No quarantine You do not need to stay home unless you develop symptoms</p> <p>Get Tested Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested and least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.</p>	<p>Watch for symptoms Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.</p> <p>If you develop symptoms Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others.</p>	<p>Take precautions until day 10</p> <p>Wear a mask Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.</p> <p>Avoid travel</p> <p>Avoid being around people who are at high risk.</p>
<p>Tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccinations status.</p>	<p>Stay home for at least 5 days Stay home for 5 days and isolate from others in your home.</p> <p>Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.</p>	<p>Ending isolation if you had symptoms End isolation after 5 full days, if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.</p> <p>Ending isolation if you did NOT have symptoms End isolation after at least 5 full days after your positive test.</p> <p>If you were severely ill with COVID-19 You should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult your doctor before ending isolation.</p>	<p>Take precautions until day 10</p> <p>Wear a mask Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.</p> <p>Avoid travel</p> <p>Avoid being around people who are at high risk.</p>

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 Emergency Instructional Days during the 2021-2022 school year.

Students and staff will be notified via the SchoolReach Notification System and 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.