



# ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

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## Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Mercer County Career Center**

Initial Effective Date: **December 13, 2022**

Date of Last Review: **December 13, 2022**

Date of Last Revision: **June 27, 2023**

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?

Mercer County Career Center has stayed current with the most recent guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We continue to rely on the information of sending school districts when making decisions for safety of all students, staff, and the community. Mercer County Career Center will continue to cooperate and communicate with our sending school districts and other educational partners to implement appropriate prevention and mitigation protocols in response to the level of community spread. Mercer County Career Center will continue to maximize the amount of in-person learning for our students in the safest manner possible.

2. 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?

Mercer County Career Center will continue to offer services that focus not only on the educational needs of the students but the social, emotional, mental health and other needs that may arise in coordination with our sending school districts. This coordination of

services with sending districts combined with professional development for all staff on best practices will be used to identify areas of needs and remediation strategies for students.

3. 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> ;	An individual option for the 2023-2024 school year.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	MCCC will review PADOH or CDC guidance regarding physical distancing.
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	Frequent hand washing will be encouraged for all individuals. Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the school building.
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	Cleaning protocols and ventilation maintenance are ongoing practices.
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 and reporting will be conducting in accordance and in cooperation with Pennsylvania Department of Health.
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	All individuals should still closely monitor their own symptoms and should stay home if symptomatic. It is critically important for employees and students to stay home regardless of whether their symptoms are indicative of COVID, influenza, or other infections that are more commonly transmitted through close personal contact.
g. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities will have access to the same programs and opportunities as non-disabled peers, as well as accommodations detailed within their IEP or 504 plan based on their individual needs.
h. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Mercer County Career Center will collaborate with state and local health officials coordinate with sending districts as well as attend regular updates through MIU IV.

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Mercer County Career Center reviewed** and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 27, 2023**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes

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Affirmed on: **June 27, 2023**

By:

David R. Lengel

*(Signature\* of Board President)*

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