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Health and Safety Plan

2021-2022

Overview

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 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) 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 MBIT 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 MBIT and its mission to "*Prepare Tomorrow's Workforce Today*" by providing career training. This plan will be posted for public comment from July 1 through July 8.

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Initial Effective Date: July 12, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 12, 2021

Date of Last Revision: N/A

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?

MBIT 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 Bucks County Health Department (BCHD). MBIT will follow the recommendations made by the Bucks County Health Department regarding masking, distancing, and other preventive and mitigation policies and adhere to any mandates issued by the PA DOH or PDE.

MBIT will continue to ensure safe learning and working environments for all MBIT students and staff.

MBIT will continue to provide in-person instruction during the 2021-22 school year. Based on public health conditions and any related mandates/requirements, MBIT will remain positioned to quickly pivot between in-person instruction, virtual/remote instruction, and hybrid instruction.

MBIT will continue to ensure all students receive instruction that meets state and federal standards and have the necessary supports for success, including access to technology and connectivity.

MBIT will revise this plan as necessary based on changes to recommendations or requirements that may occur through the 2021-2022 school year. All changes will be communicated on the school's website and communicated directly to students, parents, staff, through our school alert system.

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?

MBIT serves students from four school districts who provide many of these resources. In addition to these district resources, MBIT will continue to offer services to ensure continuity of services:

- MBIT will continue to ensure safe learning and working conditions for all MBIT students and staff.

- MBIT will continue its Student Assistance Team, offering resources to staff and students to address specific student academic, social and emotional wellness concerns.
- MBIT will continue to offer the Employee Assistance Plan through Health Advocate by the Delaware Valley Trusts and resources through the school's Wellness Committee.
- MBIT will continue to provide training, support and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for successful instruction.

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
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>MBIT will follow the recommendation of federal, state and the BCHD regarding masking requirements of staff and students. When recommendations provide an opportunity for schools to choose between multiple options MBIT's decisions, including wearing masks on school buses and vans, will be made in conjunction with feedback from the member districts.</p> <p>When masks are required, signs teaching how to correctly wear a mask will be posted.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Students at MBIT function in a cohort/pod for half a day, learning with the same students within their cohort. MBIT will continue to follow BCHD guidance to design safe instructional and work spaces for all individuals. When recommendations provide an opportunity for schools to choose between multiple options, MBIT's decision will be made in conjunction with feedback from the member districts.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</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>

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	<p>MBIT will continue to include proper personal hygiene in program curricula.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>The ventilation was improved in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year with MERV 13 filters and REME UV lights installed throughout the building.</p> <p>MBIT will continue to follow proper cleaning and sanitizing protocols established by the CDC, EPA and manufacturer guidelines.</p> <p>MBIT maintenance staff will continued implement cleaning protocols, which include disinfecting program spaces after each session, high-touch areas, and offices.</p> <p>Hand sanitation stations will continue to be maintained throughout key areas of the building.</p> <p>All cleaning products utilized are EPA COVID-19 approved sanitation products list and used following approved application standards.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>MBIT will continue to assist the BCHD with contact tracing, using their recommendations to assist families and staff with understanding isolation and quarantine requirements.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>MBIT will continue to work in partnership with the BCHD for all COVID-19 related case investigation and contact tracing.</p> <p>Per BCHD, effective June 19, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BCHD will no longer require individual to repost positive COVID-19 test results or exposure to a positive case. • The BCHD will no longer require MBIT to report positive COVID-19 test results of individuals to the BCHD. • Local COVID-19 testing laboratories will continue to report positive COVID-19 test results to the BCHD through the Pennsylvania National

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	<p>Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBIT will consult with the BCHD in the event of any public health-related questions or concerns for guidance. This includes COVID-19. • The BCHD may recommend temporary disease mitigation strategies (such as increased physical distancing, masking, etc.). • The BCHD will no longer issue isolation or quarantine orders related to COVID-19. • The BCHD will not require MBIT to notify close contacts of any positive case. As such, no notifications will be made. • The BCHD will not require MBIT to notify any individual, classroom, school, or community of any positive case of COVID-19. As such, no such communications will be sent. <p>MBIT may, pending access to free testing, administer antigen testing for the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Students who require a negative test to participate in clinical experiences at local health care facilities. • Events whereby antigen testing may increase access to the event or safety of the event. • Other scenarios as deemed appropriate.
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>MBIT will continue to partner with member districts and the BCHD 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>MBIT shall ensure that all students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations as outlined in their Individual Education Plan.</p>

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	<p>MBIT will continue to design and follow any individualized health and safety plan for the students we serve.</p> <p>MBIT will continue to train staff and contractors on Universal Precautions.</p> <p>MBIT will regularly communicate best practices for health and personal hygiene to all stakeholders in an effort to reinforce healthy instructional and work environments.</p> <p>MBIT will continue to partner with federal, state, local, and health care agencies to promote and offer opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>MBIT will rely on best practices and work collaboratively with the BCHD, PDE, and member districts to monitor COVID data, recommendations, and to coordinate contact tracing.</p> <p>MBIT will rely on local health authority guidance to design safe instructional and workspaces for all individuals.</p> <p>MBIT will continue to facilitate ongoing forums for discussion and planning with federal, state, and local health authorities, and among local school entities.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Middle Bucks Institute of Technology reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on July 12, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes

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Affirmed on: July 12, 2021

By:



Signature of Executive Council Vice Chairperson

Mr. Montu Patel, Executive Council Vice Chairperson

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