

## **REOPENING PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

### **Philosophical Position**

Pioneer Career & Technology Center is committed to the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. It is our firm belief that, as it relates to COVID-19, our commitment to our students and staff must balance health and safety protocols with the need to provide a nurturing and enriched learning environment.

### **Wearing of Face Coverings Recommended, Not Required (Except on buses)**

It is *no longer a requirement* that students, staff, or visitors wear a face covering/mask to attend in-person school, work at or visit any campus of the Pioneer Career & Technology Center. Pioneer does *recommend* any unvaccinated students, staff, visitors and community members or those with elevated health risks to wear a face covering/mask while on school property as recommended by the CDC.

Federal Law does mandate correct wearing of facial coverings when riding in any forms of school transportation to or from events/activities sponsored by Pioneer Career & Technology Center. See [guidance here](#).

### **Physical Distancing**

Pioneer Career & Technology Center will make every effort to maintain three (3) feet of social distancing when practical in lab settings, classrooms, cafeterias, on playgrounds, transportation and all other areas. It is understood six (6) feet of social distancing is best practice for unvaccinated persons, but not all areas or activities will allow for a six (6) foot distance between people.

### **Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette**

Regular hand washing or the use of hand sanitizer is encouraged for everyone. Both options will be made available to students, staff, parents, visitors, and community members at Pioneer Career & Technology Center. Pioneer may require student, staff or visitors to wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival; at various times during the day; before/after recess; before/after lunch; and prior/during/after other events before or after school. Regardless of the pandemic good hygiene is important for everyone. Hygiene helps to reduce various types of viruses.

### **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation**

Pioneer Career & Technology Center will continue to implement cleaning and disinfecting of common areas regularly, focusing on frequently touched surfaces in all facilities and transportation. All cleaning products will be used in accordance to manufacturer's instructions.

Pioneer Career & Technology Center's heating and cooling systems are regularly inspected and have met air-handling standards. Classrooms without air-conditioning will have windows open, as appropriate for the weather or season.

Pioneer has been fitted with touchless water fountains and bottle fillers and traditional water fountains have been turned off. Students are encouraged to use individual water bottles as needed throughout the day.

### **Stay Home When Sick**

Pioneer encourages students to stay home if they're showing signs and symptoms of infectious illness, including COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

### **Contact Tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments**

The authority to Quarantine and Isolate individuals rests solely with the Ohio Department of Health and our local Health Departments. Pioneer will enforce all mandates and cooperate with all local health departments to ensure the safety and welfare of our students, staff, and visitors.

## **Diagnostic and Screening Testing**

Should any student or staff exhibit symptoms while physically attending school in-person, they should report to the school clinic. Those showing multiple symptoms or a fever may be required to go home. While waiting to go home, the ill individual may be required to wear a facial covering/mask and be placed in a separate isolation area overseen by school personnel, who are wearing proper PPE.

Any student or staff member with a fever higher than 100.4 degrees and/or showing multiple other COVID-19 symptoms is required to stay home until fever free and/or symptom free for 48 hours.

COVID-19 rapid test kits will be made available for students or staff for use at home. Results may be shared with school nurse to determine next steps.

## **Efforts to provide Vaccinations to Educators, Other Staff and Students, if eligible**

Staff members received the option of vaccination in the spring of 2021. Pioneer Career & Technology Center encourages everyone eligible to receive a vaccination, it is NOT, however, a requirement of employment or education.

Vaccines are available in various locations throughout Richland, Crawford, Huron, and Morrow Counties. You can locate a clinic by going to your local health department websites.

## **Social, Emotional, and Mental Health**

Pioneer Career & Technology Center employs four school counselors and contracts with multiple therapists, who are capable of managing immediate concerns, if necessary. Other community agencies are also available to our staff and students. Students should see their school counselor for a list of resources or referral for appropriate assistance.

## **Food Services**

Breakfast and lunch are available, free of charge, to all of our students for the 2021-2022 school year.

***Pioneer Career & Technology Center will follow the recommendations by the Ohio Department of Health and appropriate local health departments. This plan is, therefore, subject to change at any time, and may include, but is not limited to future mandates / guidelines / recommendations issued by appropriate local health departments, the Ohio Departments of Health and Education or other state and/or federal agencies having jurisdiction over Pioneer.***