



As of 2.19.2021, Lehigh County had a COVID-19 positivity rate of 7.9%, and Northampton County is at 9.6%. This is great news as case counts are coming down in the Lehigh Valley!

To that end, we recently submitted an UPDATED attestation form to the PA Department of Education and will resume in-person opportunities for students and staff the week of March 1, 2021. We updated our guidelines for in-person experiences from earlier this year; the new guidelines are below. Please review the information provided to be aware of our expectations if you are coming to Charter Arts for any in-person experiences in the coming weeks.

[Optional In-Person Opportunities for students during Plan A: Updated 2.25.2021](#)

Anyone entering the building is REQUIRED to self-screen using the [building access self screener checklist](#) before coming to the school each time they enter. If a teacher or a student shows a sign or symptom of COVID-19 or illness of any kind, they should refrain from participating in any in-person opportunity. Please refer to the building access self screener linked above for more information.

Start Date	Optional In-person opportunities will resume on March 1, 2021*
Days of the week	They will be scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays when our school nurse is present in the building
Total number permitted in the building per day	<p>Staff will follow guidelines for Optional In-person Opportunities:</p> <p>12 students per staff member</p> <p><i>We will determine the number of individuals allowed to be in one space based on the size of the space and the occupants' ability to maintain 6ft of physical distance between them while present.</i></p> <p>150 total students in the building per day (when we reach this number, no more opportunities will be scheduled for that day)</p> <p>Students - please enter through the Main Office; you must Swipe in through the Main Office - if you don't know your Student ID Number or have an ID, the Main Office staff will assist you.</p> <p>We will keep a record of all building occupants and their locations, in the event that our school nurse needs to conduct contact tracing.</p>

<p>All safety precautions must be followed:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks must be worn properly at all times, by students and staff, while in the building. Your mask must cover your mouth and nose and fit securely. If a student arrives with no mask, we will provide one for them. ● Students and staff must maintain a 6 ft physical distance between each other when in the building. ● Any person entering the building is required to use the Self Screening Checklist before entering the building. ● If your child has been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 within 14 days of coming to the building or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that they refrain from coming in and wait until they feel better. ● In the event of an emergency while in the building, all emergency operation protocols will be followed. ● All students must be pre-approved before coming into the building (staff will communicate student names with the Main Office. We will keep a record of their location(s) in the building should our school nurse need to conduct contact tracing. ● If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days of coming to the building, please alert our school nurse - nurse@charterarts.org.
<p>Important considerations:</p>	<p><u>Opportunities will be OPTIONAL and NOT REQUIRED.</u></p> <p>Transportation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students must provide their own transportation. ● Parents are welcome to wait in our parking lot on Taylor St. ● When waiting for rides, students will wait in the Commons Cafe at 6 feet apart. ● Parent/guardian will ring the doorbell to alert the Main Office or call the student on their cell phone, if possible when they arrive to pick up their child. ● The teacher or staff responsible for the event will wait with and supervise students until transportation arrives. <p>While in the building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All school protocols will apply. Additionally, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One student to the bathroom at a time ○ Students will be supervised at all times. ○ Limited movement in the building.

**Should any of these expectations change, we will make our community aware.*