

Health and Safety Plan: UPDATED SPRING 2023

Previous Health and Safety Plan Effective Date: December 8,, 2022

Date of Last Revision: March 27, 2023

Date of Board Meeting for review and approval: April 13, 2023

At the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, the Test to Stay (TTS) program was discontinued at Charter Arts. Charter Arts continues to have a supply of COVID tests in the Health Suite to test students, with parental consent, to stay in school or to send home sick students to test before they return to school. As this pandemic evolves, we will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of our health partners to ensure the safety of our community.

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 to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The health and safety of all Charter Arts students, employees, families, and the community at large remain a top priority for our School Board and school leadership. As outlined in our Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 22-23 school year, Charter Arts will continue in-person learning this year, 5 days a week and may implement asynchronous and synchronous learning as needed depending on a variety of circumstances, including staffing shortages, transportation shortages, etc. Our Certified School Nurse (CSN) and Administration will continue to collaborate with our partners at St. Luke's and Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (IU20), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), and the Bethlehem Health Bureau and will monitor the guidance and resources these partners and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) provide to ensure that we are making decisions in the best interest of our students, employees, and community.

The School Board grants the School Administration permission to adjust our day-to-day procedures to align with updated guidance and in consultation with our healthcare partners, without resubmission of this plan. We will continue to keep our stakeholders informed as changes to this plan or schoolwide procedures are implemented.

To continue to keep our Charter Arts community safe, we respectfully request that all students and employees get a COVID vaccine and provide confirmation to our school nurse via email: nurse@charterarts.org.

We encourage all students and employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine and booster and provide their vaccine records to our school nurse. Vaccines will keep our community safe and streamline contact tracing and communication efforts.

Public performances will be held in person, both at Charter Arts and in the local community.

Charter Arts is recommending all students, employees, and visitors use the daily symptom monitoring tool accessible [HERE](#) and to remain home if they are showing any symptoms.

How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the student's academic needs and students' and employees' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Should a student need to quarantine at home, they should access their classwork and assignments through Google Classroom and may email their teachers to schedule time for 1:1 check-ins as necessary. As a reminder, students can request a meeting with their school counselor [here](#) and will have access to their IEP/504 accommodations and academic support from home. Student work deadlines will follow the guidelines outlined in the Student and Family Handbook. Should students have questions about work assignments, they should email their teachers directly and/or request meetings with their teachers, who are available for support as needed.

The table below further explains how Charter Arts will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other employees by aligning our procedures to guidelines established by the CDC and PA DOH, as needed.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
Universal and correct wearing of masks (When necessary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct mask-wearing will follow the CDC's most current guidelines, PA DOH, St. Luke's Health Network, and the City of Bethlehem Health Bureau. At this time, mask will be required when a student has been diagnosed with COVID. The student will be required to wear a mask upon return for five (5) days. Charter Arts administrators reserve the right to update our recommendations regarding masking based on data and guidance from the Bethlehem Health Bureau and CDC.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building occupants are encouraged to routinely utilize the hand sanitizer stations installed in every classroom and other work and public space. Paper towels and sanitizing spray are provided in each classroom to clean student desks and chairs and teacher workstations.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HVAC units exceed standards for air circulation per hour per room. Cleaning & disinfecting occurs during the school day and after school hours. Electrostatic sprayer and Halo disinfectant machine will be utilized during and after the school day and performances, as needed.
Diagnostic and screening testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic testing is recommended for all persons with symptoms of COVID-19 (see resources below).
Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities concerning health and safety policies,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who are quarantined per the PA DOH or Bethlehem DOH must provide sufficient documentation to the school nurse and Attendance Coordinator. Access to class content can be found on Google Classroom. Students with complex needs should schedule a meeting with their IEP/504 team to discuss their diagnosis and/or special needs. Accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis depending on the need, diagnosis, and decision of the IEP/504 team members. Counseling and mental health-related services will be available as needed for students.
Coordination with state and local	<p>As previously outlined, Charter Arts will continue communicating with and following guidelines and recommendations from the following organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (IU20)

health officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethlehem Health Bureau • St. Luke's University Health Network • PA Department of Health (PA DOH) • Bethlehem Department of Health (BDOH)
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Resources:

[Charter Arts Health and Safety Plan - August 2020](#)

[Charter Arts Revised Health and Safety Plan - April 2021](#)

[Charter Arts Revised Health and Safety Plan - Spring 2022](#)

[Charter Arts REvised Health and Safety Plan - Fall 2022](#)

[Charter Arts Self-Screener Checklist](#)

[Charter Arts School Counseling Resource Page](#)

[Daily Symptom Monitoring Self Screener Checklist](#)

[St. Luke's University Health Network Guidance for Schools](#)

[PA Unites Against COVID: Safe Workplace Checklist](#)

[Updated CDC COVID 19 Guidelines](#)

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on April 13, 2023.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

____ Yes

____ No

Affirmed on: **April 13, 2023**

By:

Mario Acerra, Board President (*Signature* of Board President*)

Mario Acerra, Board President (*Print Name of Board President*)

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