

9/20/2020

Dear Parents, and Guardians:

As we embark on week four of the 2020/2021 Academic School Year, which has been like no other; I am reaching out to our STC Families with some updated information. I would like to begin by commending our STC student body for their compliance of the COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

The STC Board of Directors approved a revised Health and Safety Plan on 9/14/20, based on updated guidance from the PA Department of Health (DOH). The STC safety measures included the installation of air purifying units in our cafeterias, schedules for disinfecting classrooms and lunchrooms between use, the requirement of face coverings, and social distancing throughout our building. STC works closely with the sending districts and the PA Department of Health regarding the application of quarantine protocols as prescribed. **STC will notify parents in the event that their child is in the presence of or in close contact with a person with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test.** Fortunately, due to the size and separation of our programs of study, student contact with other programs of study is minimal. DOH defines close contact as being within 6' of a confirmed positive person for more than 15 minutes without a face covering. The full Health and Safety Plan can be viewed at:

<https://www.stcenters.org/cms/lib/PA01916724/Centricity/Domain/152/3.%20STC%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Plan.pdf>

STC is also working to enhance technology infrastructure and utilization for this school year. All STC Students have been assigned a gapps email account. All Program Instructors have established an online Google Classroom for theory, written assignments, and grades. In addition, many of our programs of study have incorporated the Cengage Pathways program, which includes access to digital textbooks, simulators, and certifications. The Google Classroom will be utilized during in-person theory lessons, but may also be accessed remotely by any students required to quarantine by either STC or their sending district as per DOH guidance.

Due to the pandemic, STC is limiting the focus our fall 2020 Open House Event to **prospective future students only**. Any parents who would like to talk with their child's instructor are asked to reach out to the instructor to schedule a Zoom or telephone meeting. Instructor contact information can be found under Career Tech Programs on our website:

<https://www.stcenters.org/domain/95>

Lastly, **if a child is displaying any symptoms of cold or flu regardless of how minor, please keep them home from school.** STC is relaxing attendance requirements for the 20/21 Academic Year due to the pandemic and the School Nurses will send your child home if they show any illness symptoms. If you have not done so already, **please be sure STC has a valid parent email address on file.**

Thank you for entrusting STC with your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach me via email at [sbrennan@stcenters.org](mailto:sbrennan@stcenters.org).

Sincerely,



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