

August 4, 2020

Dear STC Students and Parents:

The Schuylkill Technology Center's Administrative Staff has worked diligently with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Schuylkill County Emergency Management, Lehigh Valley Health Network, as well as our internal staff and faculty to develop a comprehensive Health and Safety Plan for the 2020/2021 Academic Year. The plan provides for a **full reopen of in-person instruction for the start of the fall 2020 semester**, with a number of safety protocols to provide protection for students and staff.

The Health and Safety Plan, which was approved by the STC Board of Directors, incorporates social distancing, additional lunch periods, frequent hand washing, enhanced disinfecting procedures, added air purification/ventilation measures and face coverings for all students, staff and faculty. A Face covering, which must be school appropriate, is defined as a gaiter, mask or clear plastic shield. Please visit <https://www.stcenters.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=152> to view the approved STC Health and Safety Plan.

The STC dress code has been updated to include face coverings and, as always, students will be prohibited from participating in laboratory activities if they are not dress code appropriate. Face coverings are required while in the building, with the exception of when students are eating lunch; however, teachers may provide opportunities for students to work outside, where masks may be removed, provided social distancing is available. If your child is unable to wear a mask, we encourage you to discuss virtual options with your home district.

The safety protocols we put into place are designed to protect our students and staff while we get back our mission of providing kinesthetic learning opportunities that prepare students to be career and college ready. **The first day of the school for all fall semester STC Students will be Wednesday, August 26, 2020.** I realize some home districts have different start dates, but **STC Students follow the STC Academic Calendar** and transportation will be provided by the home district according to our calendar.

We understand the uncertainty of the past few months has been stressful for families. Please feel free to reach out via email at [sbrennan@stcenters.org](mailto:sbrennan@stcenters.org) or via telephone at 570-544-4748 ext. 3900 if you have additional questions. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,



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