

SAFE RETURN TO IN PERSON LEARNING PLAN 2022-2023

Technical Academies of Minnesota (TAM) is committed to maintaining the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and community members and will follow the below safety protocols during the 2022-2023 school year. This plan will consistently follow the language of the CDC and MDH. The 2022-2023 school year will consist of a normal school schedule of five days per week. **No students will be allowed to do distance learning this year.** This plan will continue to evolve as guidance and mandates change from the CDC and MDH.

- (A) **Face Coverings:** Face coverings are **no longer required** for school transportation vehicles nor while inside TAM facilities. In the event something changes and we revert back to a face covering mandate, please see the [District Face Covering Policy](#).

- (B) **Physical Distancing:** Due to our facility size, physical distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible. We will require families to be vigilant in [Self-Health Screening](#) measures and to keep children home when they are ill. In addition, our school will work diligently in contact tracing and in the implementation of quarantining measures when necessary.

- (C) **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:** TAM will continue to provide hand sanitizer in each classroom and at the entrances of school buildings and other high frequented locations. Classrooms throughout the district will encourage frequent handwashing.

We will implement measures to prevent the spread of respiratory infections from anyone in an educational setting with signs or symptoms by doing the following:

- (a) Require those that develop symptoms to do the following:
 - (i) Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
 - (ii) Use tissues and throw them away.
 - (iii) Wash hands or use a hand sanitizer every time there is contact with a mouth or nose.
- (b) Providing tissues and no-touch receptacles for their disposal.
- (c) Providing resources for performing hand hygiene in or near waiting areas, classrooms, and other highly frequented locations.
- (d) Provide space and place for symptomatic students while waiting for someone to pick them up.

(D) **Cleaning and Maintaining Facilities:** TAM will continue to clean and disinfect the school building and locations on a consistent basis. Disinfecting of high-touch surfaces will be prioritized. Disinfecting wipes will be provided to classrooms as another disinfecting tool.

(E) **Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine:** Contact tracing will be conducted anytime we are aware of a positive case or exposure in our school buildings. Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case. In the event of an exposure, families will receive instruction from the Technical Academies COVID Coordinators at each site. Any person who has tested positive is required to complete the quarantine. Any person who lives in the same household as a person that tested positive is strongly recommended to complete the quarantine. Due to the various scenarios of situations regarding quarantine, each situation will be thoroughly vetted to provide the best recommendation to ensure safety and educational needs. For information, the CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine period, with two other options: (1) 7-day quarantine period (test on day 5 or after) or (2) 10-day quarantine period without a test.

(F) **Instruction During Quarantine:** If a student is required to or chooses to quarantine classroom materials will be provided by their Advisors. Students should log into the appropriate platform to access classroom materials. Specific questions about learning should be directed to their Advisor.

(G) **Screening:** If you're sick, stay home. All people entering Technical Academies are expected to perform a [Self-Health Screening](#) prior to entering the building.

(a) I understand that prior to my student returning to school on-site, I am required to daily check for each student:

- (i) My student is not exhibiting any of the following symptoms associated with COVID-19:
 - 1) New onset cough; OR
 - 2) Shortness of breath by themselves: OR
 - 3) 2 of the following:
 - a) fever (100.4 or higher)
 - b) chills
 - c) muscle pain
 - d) sore throat
 - e) loss of sense of smell or taste
 - f) gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea

- (ii) My student has not been in close contact (having spent at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of the case) with anyone within the last 14 days who has been quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19.
- (iii) My student has not been advised by any medical provider or health authority that he/she may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- (iv) I will immediately notify CHOICE or DREAM Technical Academy if I am unable to check for any of the above reasons for my students. I also understand that in the case that I am notified that my student may have been exposed to COVID-19 or start to exhibit any of the symptoms above while at school, I will immediately pick up my student when contacted by CHOICE or DREAM Technical Academy.

(H) **Testing:** Testing will be provided to those staff and students that are experiencing symptoms and/or are requesting a test. The tests being provided will depend on availability.

(I) **Accommodations for Children with Disabilities:** Parents or guardians of children with disabilities seeking accommodations with respect to health and safety should be in direct contact with their child's Advisor. Accommodations can then be discussed at the team level.

(J) **Coordination of State and Local Health Officials:** The school district will continue to monitor federal, state, and local guidance in regards to COVID-19 protocols. As direction changes, communication will be provided to our staff and families.

(K) **Continuity of Services:** The school district will continue to provide services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs which will include student health.

(L) **Distance Learning Options:** We no longer have the option to offer District Learning Options. All students will be required to do in person learning this year.

(M) **Plan Changes:**

- (a) Review and revisions of this plan will occur as the situation and information continues to evolve.
- (b) Any changes to the plan will be submitted for public comment.

(N) **Parent Accommodations:** Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.