

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Remote Learning and Hybrid Learning

A.W. Beattie will remain in full remote learning until January 8, 2021 with an anticipated return to our hybrid model on January 11, 2021. The career center’s commitment to return to hybrid learning will include communication with our consortium school districts and adhering to recent state issued health mandates. Please refer to the hybrid model of instruction below:

<u>Group A – AM</u> Monday – Tuesday Avonworth North Hills Shaler Area	Wednesday Remote Distance Learning All Students	<u>Group B – AM</u> Thursday - Friday Deer Lakes Northgate Pine-Richland
<u>Group A – PM</u> Avonworth Hampton Twp. Shaler Area		<u>Group B – PM</u> Fox Chapel North Allegheny Pine-Richland

Mitigation and New Mandates

The career center will follow recent mitigation efforts issued by the state’s [new mandated guidance](#) released last month. The career center will follow the protocol set forth by the state for a **medium size school** of 500-900 students. Please reference the chart table below from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Recommendations for Medium (500-900 students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

It is important to note that a significant and/or widespread outbreak may require moving to a more remote-based instructional model more quickly. DOH will provide proactive consultative assistance to school entities should such an outbreak occur.

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period: 1-3 students or staff	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period: 4-6 students/staff in same school building	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period: 7+ students/staff in same school building
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School does not need to close • Clean area(s) where case spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 3-5 days* • Clean area(s) where cases spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 14 days* • Clean entire school(s) • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School does not need to close • Clean area(s) where case spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 3-7 days* • Clean area(s) where cases spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 14 days* • Clean entire school(s) • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Substantial†	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site • Clean area(s) where case spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site • Close school(s) for 3-7 days* • Clean area(s) where cases spent time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site • Close school(s) for 14 days* • Clean entire school

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*If case investigations, contact tracing, and cleaning and disinfecting can be accomplished in a faster time frame, the length of closure time may be shortened.

†DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission. Schools that choose to pursue in-person instruction or other models in which school buildings are utilized by students and/or staff should follow the recommendations here.

In addition to following quarantining procedures set forth by the state, the career center will also work closely with each district to support their student quarantine procedures.

COVID-19 Communication

A.W. Beattie Career Center will continue to utilize our website, social media and email notification system to inform parents, students and staff of all pertinent information regarding COVID-19 at the career center. Visit www.beattietech.com for the most up to date information.

Please notify the career center directly regarding positive COVID-19 test results, quarantine notifications or other pertinent COVID-19 information to Thea Holzworth, Assistant Principal at thea.holzworth@beattietech.com or 412-847-1909.

Attendance

Students should follow directions from their teacher on signing into their remote classes for attendance. Attendance will be recorded daily in Skyward for remote lessons and in-person classes. Please visit the [Skyward Family Portal](#) to access your son/daughter's attendance and grades.

Please submit excuses for absences from remote distance learning and/or in-person classes within 24hrs of an absence to studentexcuse@beattietech.com. **Please include the parent/guardian name and phone number for verification.** You may also submit excuses for absences in the front office to Susan Hughes, Administrative Assistant.

Health and Safety

All career center students and staff are reminded to follow CDC health and safety guidelines at all times; wear a mask, keep your distance and if you are sick, please stay home.

Travel and Quarantine

Students and staff members who travel during the school year must follow current [state guidance](#) as to when they can return to in-person teaching or learning at the career center.