

**Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service
Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act**

LEA Name: Sussex County Charter School for Technology

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 06/1/2021

1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

A. Universal and correct wearing of masks - All students and staff will be required to wear cloth or disposable face coverings throughout the day. Bandanas or Gaiters will not be permitted as a face covering. If someone is not wearing a mask correctly covering their nose and mouth, they will be instructed on the proper way to wear a mask. In the event a staff member or student does not have a face covering, one will be provided for them. Students will be given time to remove their masks when outside while eating lunch or during mask breaks. Sussex Charter will follow the guidance according to the New Jersey State guidelines.

B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding) - For the 2021-2022 school year, there will be no student cohorts. To every extent possible, students will be socially distanced according to New Jersey State guidelines. Student desks will be spaced 3 feet apart and in accordance with the state guidelines. In addition, students will have their own individual supplies and sharing will not be permitted.

C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette - During the summer of 2020, Sussex Charter installed handwashing stations in the science labs. In addition, there were two handwashing stations created in the hallways of the 100 and 200 building. Students are given time to wash their hands before lunch and as necessary throughout the school day. We have also installed hand sanitizing stations in each classroom, bathroom and gymnasium and encourage students to use them throughout the day. Students and adults have been instructed in respiratory

etiquette, including the proper way to wear a mask (over nose and mouth) and when a mask is removed for eating or breaks, to sneeze/ cough into an elbow.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation - Sussex Charter has increased and enhanced its daily cleaning practices. The school has purchased two electrostatic sprayers which are used nightly to clean the buildings. Additionally, the school has received an ozone machine which rotates nightly amongst the buildings to provide a deeper cleaning. Finally, during the summer of 2020, the Charter School had a HALO filter systems installed in all the classrooms.

E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments. Contact tracing at Sussex Charter is conducted based upon the guidelines established by the New Jersey Department of Health. Any student or adult within a 6 feet radius for more than 15 minutes during a 24 hour period who could have been potentially exposed will be contact traced. Parents will be notified and the quarantine period will depend upon the Cali Index Level.

F. Diagnostic and screening testing. Students' temperatures taken as they enter the school in the morning. Parents are also required to complete a questionnaire each morning asking if students experienced any COVID like symptoms, etc... Staff members are also asked the same questions each morning as well.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible. Staff members who have decided to receive the COVID vaccination will not be charged sick time, etc... in order to receive the vaccine shot. In the event a staff member has a reaction to the vaccine, they will not be charged sick days until they return. Staff and students will not be marked absent in the event they need to quarantine.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies. All students must wear a mask and there are no students exempt from this practice.

2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

A. Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (1000 character limit) Sussex County Charter School for Technology will continue to provide counseling services to the students to assist with their social emotional needs. We will be offering students tutoring services both individually and in small groups before and after the school day to assist students in any learning gaps that took place during the school year. We will also have an intensive summer remediation program for identified students. Food service has and will continue to be offered. The school has provided students breakfast and additional food as provided through the National School Lunch program.

3. Public Comment

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan. (1000 character limit). This document was reviewed at the June 14, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting. Time will be provided for input from members of public who are in attendance at the meeting. Input from the parents and community will be considered and if necessary, changes to this plan will be made.

B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (1000 character limit). The Sussex County Charter School for Technology will assist any parent or community member with reviewing this document whether in a different language or reading the document verbally.