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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
PLAN**

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1) INTRODUCTION

“The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) have updated their joint summary, fully adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning* and related *CDC FAQ* (updated as of May 27, 2022). This updated guidance supersedes all prior COVID-19 school guidance documents and applies to all public and nonpublic schools that serve students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (pre-K-12).

“Schools and local health departments should exercise their longstanding authority, including as described in the Communicable Disease Code and according to schools’ infectious disease policies, to address all infectious disease cases among students and staff. IDPH and ISBE strongly encourage schools to follow the CDC’s operational guidance on best practices and the recommendations of their local health department on quarantine and isolation for confirmed and probable cases and close contacts. Schools are encouraged to follow the CDC’s best practices for all infectious diseases to keep students home if ill, use testing to confirm or rule out COVID-19 infection, and use Test to Stay with masking and diagnostic testing to keep asymptomatic close contacts and those linked to an outbreak in school. Schools must continue to provide remote learning to any student who is under isolation or quarantine for COVID-19 based on the State Superintendent’s Remote Learning Declaration.

“Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to prevent adverse outcomes related to COVID-19. People who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines are at low risk of symptomatic or severe infection, hospitalization, and death. To promote vaccination in school communities, Section 3 of Executive Order 2021-22 was reissued and remains in effect. Accordingly, school personnel must establish they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit to at least weekly testing for COVID-19.

“On February 25, 2022, the CDC released a new framework to monitor the level of COVID-19 in communities that includes hospitalizations, hospital capacity, and cases, which is currently in use. This approach focuses recommendations on minimizing severe disease, limiting strain on the healthcare system, and enabling those at highest risk to protect themselves against infection and severe disease. Rather than focusing on eliminating all virus transmission, the CDC recommends prevention measures, such as masks, when the level of severe disease in communities has the potential to overwhelm the healthcare system. These prevention measures can reduce that strain and avoid crisis.”

For more information (updated July 5, 2022), please go to <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance.html>.

CareerTEC has created this plan to aid in navigating the re-establishment of our school where employees, students, and families feel safe and to continue to come back to full in-person learning. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Governor, Stephenson and Winnebago county health departments, and CareerTEC Board of Directors and administration.

The Back-to-School Plan was re-posted July 14, 2022, on the CareerTEC website and requested community feedback. It was discussed at the Aug. 11, 2022, CareerTEC Board meeting. It was moved out of draft status and posted on our website after the required 30 days of feedback. School strategies in this plan may be altered and/or removed based upon local conditions, levels of community transmission

(i.e., low, medium, or high), local vaccine coverage, possible use of screening testing to detect cases, and consultation with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed.

PLEASE NOTE: CareerTEC classes held at Highland Community College and Freeport High School adhere to the plans of its respective institutions and may not duplicate the plans set forth in this document. Classroom hours of operation and policies also may differ.

2) GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In order to ensure the continued well-being of our employees and students, the following guiding principles have been put in place:

1. Full in-person learning
2. Institute employee and student safety measures
3. Follow recommended health guidelines

3) SECTION ONE: BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN

a) In-Person instruction: Monday - Friday (Note: Some classes meet less than 5 days a week.)

In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools July 9, 2021, declaration, the Career & Technical Education Consortium (CareerTEC) will be open fully for in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2022-23 school year. AM1 students will attend classes from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.; AM2 students from 9:20 a.m.-10:50 a.m.; and PM students from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Remote instruction will only be made available for any student who is quarantined by the local health department and/or home school after being potentially exposed to COVID-19 in school, students who are unvaccinated or ineligible for a COVID vaccine if they were under quarantine orders from a local public health department or the state department of health, or if given specific approval to be a remote learner by the CareerTEC director.

In-person instruction would look like:

- CareerTEC school hours will be observed between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Classrooms are open between 7:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.)
- Remote learning will not be offered for most students (see page 5).
- Preventative measures will be taken to attempt to keep supplies with only one student.
- Typical in-person instructional practices will take place (whole group, small group, peer instruction, etc.) with social distancing, when possible.
 - To the extent possible within school and classroom structures, 3-foot social distancing will be observed; opening windows and other ventilation options will be used when possible. School staff are to help students commit to physical distancing as much as possible by:
 - Arranging furniture, workspaces, etc. to model and reinforce physical distancing of at least 3 feet (at least 6 feet for those who are not fully vaccinated and have informed their instructor of a need for additional distance), including during in-class movement;
 - Providing assigned seating for students and encourage students to remain in these seats to the greatest extent possible; and
 - Developing paths of travel in corridors
- CareerTEC teachers will monitor and contact trace students upon entering their classrooms.

- To receive credit and attendance for the courses for this school year, students are expected to complete the assignments and follow in-person protocol. Grades will be awarded and attendance will be closely tracked.
 - As a reminder, based on the FY23 CareerTEC Attendance Guidelines, CareerTEC students are permitted up to nine (9) absence occurrences for the required attendance days that are based on the CareerTEC attendance schedule.
 - Class days missed as a result of mandatory activities in the local school are not counted as an absence.
 - Illnesses, appointments, and optional activities are considered an absence from class, regardless of whether it is defined as an excused or unexcused absence in the local school.
 - Extended, consecutive absences due to a serious illness will be counted as one day of absence if a doctor's note is submitted.
 - If ordered by the Stephenson County or Winnebago County health department, a COVID quarantine will count as one day of absence for the entire quarantine period.
- CareerTEC will be in continuous contact with the health departments and member schools for guidance and reporting purposes.

b) Masking

CareerTEC/EFE #220 will be in operation in accordance with the CDC's updated (May 27, 2022) Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in all programs.

- Per the Governor's announcement, masks are optional for all schools and school districts starting Monday, Feb. 28, 2022.
- While masks are optional, CareerTEC highly encourages students and staff to continue to wear masks.
- According to the CDC, "K-12 schools and early care and education settings should follow guidance for schools according to the COVID-19 Community Level in their area with respect to mask wearing on buses or vans."
- Masks continue to be federally required in healthcare settings and for healthcare personnel, including school nurse offices.

c) Remote Learning

- Remote instruction (synchronous or asynchronous) will not be made available for any CareerTEC students unless ...:
 - A student is under quarantine or excluded from school consistent with guidance or requirements from a local health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.
 - This includes students who are not in-person due to the district entering into an adaptive pause after consultation with the local health department.
 - The student receives approval from the CareerTEC director.
- In rare cases in which a student may learn remotely, the student(s) may not utilize remote learning for personal days off, vacation, or short illnesses.

d) Alignment to Priorities

Priorities	How they are addressed / considered
In-Person Learning	This plan allows for full in-person learning, while also trying to remain safe and cautious.
Student & Staff Safety	We follow IDPH guidelines with the exception of strict social distancing for in-person instruction.
Social-Emotional Health of Students & Staff	This plan provides students and staff with the greatest potential for social-emotional connection and health.
Academic Achievement	The curriculum will be able to be covered in full. In-person learning will be available for all students. Grading policies will be enforced.
Ability to be agile	In this modality, we can easily flip to the whole group or individual remote learning, if necessary.

SECTION TWO: SAFETY OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS

a) **VISITOR RESTRICTIONS**

- Visitors are asked to self-screen before entering any CareerTEC buildings/classrooms.
- Guest speakers will be allowed as long as they have self-screened before entering the building.

b) **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

- Field trips also require approval of the director and must be intended for educational and/or community service purposes only. Director decisions will be based on recent guidance from IDPH, ISBE, and Stephenson and Winnebago county health departments.

c) **EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT SCREENING AND PROTOCOLS**

- To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees and students, CareerTEC is asking employees and students to self-screen before coming to school or getting on the bus each day.
- In self-screening, individuals should conduct a temperature check and be free of all of the following COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever (100.4°F or higher)
 - New onset of moderate to severe headache
 - Shortness of breath
 - New cough
 - Sore throat
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - New loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Fatigue from unknown cause
 - Muscle or body aches from unknown cause

If you exhibit any of the above symptoms, please stay home, inform the CareerTEC office (815) 232-0709, and, if possible, notify your instructor. Please call CareerTEC if you have any questions, issues, or concerns. (See below for protocols needed to return to class/work.)

d) HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS

- If an employee or student becomes ill at school or if another person is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at work, he or she may be asked to take a COVID test, leave school/work and go home or to the nearest health center. Testing is **Strongly Recommended** for ALL Persons with COVID-19-Like Symptoms, Regardless of Vaccination Status.
- Regardless of vaccination status and pending state directives, an employee will need to use a sick day if he or she is ill. If home with symptoms, a teacher may not teach remotely (unless given CareerTEC director approval). Substitute teachers will be hired or class will be canceled in the event of a teacher absence.
- According to the IDPH, “Persons identified as **close contacts** (persons not up to date with COVID-19 vaccination who were within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period) should quarantine for five days consistent with CDC guidance and mask for 5 additional days, or 10 days if unable to mask.
- “For those up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, masks should be worn for 10 days after exposure.”
 - Exception: In the K–12 indoor classroom setting or a structured outdoor setting where mask use can be observed (i.e., holding class outdoors with educator supervision), the close contact definition excludes students who were between 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.
 - This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.
 - According to the CDC, “An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic people, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date).”
 - Public Health Recommendations: People who are identified as close contacts should follow CDC recommendations to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. Recommendations for close contacts to quarantine, get tested, and wear well-fitting masks after exposure to COVID-19 will vary depending on vaccination status and history of prior COVID-19 diagnosis within the past 90 days. People who have come into close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 should follow the recommendations outlined on the COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation webpage.
- Employees and students returning to school from an approved medical leave should contact the CareerTEC office (815) 232-0709. You may be asked to submit a healthcare provider’s note before returning to work or school.

Consistent with IDPH’s COVID-19 Interim Guidance for Schools (https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/covid19/guidance/school/School-decision-tree-guidance_6.27.2022.pdf, revised June 27, 2022, subject to updates), CareerTEC will permit students and school personnel to return to in-person instruction if ...

1. **COVID-19 diagnostic test positive (confirmed with PCR test or probable with antigen test) OR COVID-like symptoms without COVID-19 testing and exposed to confirmed case (probable case):** For those that can mask upon return, isolate for at least five calendar days from onset of symptoms; return after the five calendar days AND if 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication), diarrhea and vomiting ceased for 24 hours AND improvement of

symptoms AND consistent masking upon return through day 10. If unable to mask, isolate for 10 days.

2. **Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test (Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests are valid only for the date on which they are collected; specimens collected within 48 hours of onset are acceptable for determining school admission status. If testing is not accessible or delayed, testing within 72 hours would be acceptable, but testing within 48 hours of onset should be promoted [Home Tests are Allowed]):** Isolate until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition, including fever free for 24 hours, symptoms improving and until 24 hours after diarrhea and vomiting have ceased. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment and return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools.
3. **Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing who is not a known close contact to a confirmed case:** For those who can mask upon return, isolate for at least five calendar days from onset of symptoms; return if 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication), vomiting and diarrhea have ceased for 24 hours, AND improvement of symptoms AND consistent masking upon return through day 10. If unable to mask, quarantine for 10 days.
4. **Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case:** For those that can mask upon return, quarantine for five days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case and upon return, mask consistently through day 10, or according to test-to-stay protocols. If unable to mask, quarantine for 10 days.

e) GUIDANCE IF EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT EXPOSED AND/OR DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS

While we all hope to avoid exposure to illness from COVID-19, we need to be prepared for that possibility. If you or someone you've been in contact with has been exposed to the virus, our first concern is for your health and safety, and those around you. In this rapidly changing situation, healthcare providers should have the most up-to-date information from the CDC.

Please do the following *if you have symptoms*:

1. Isolate yourself in a specific room away from others in your home for at least 5 days.
2. Contact your healthcare provider, if needed
3. Contact the CareerTEC office
4. If you have any symptoms (regardless of vaccination status), refrain from coming into school and take a COVID test.
 - a. Symptomatic individuals with a negative COVID test: See #2 above
 - b. Symptomatic individuals who are not a known close contact to a confirmed case: See #3
5. In case of an emergency, call 911.

Please do the following *if you have no symptoms but are a close contact to a confirmed or probable COVID case (see #4 above for IDPH guidance)*:

1. Quarantine yourself in a specific room away from others in your home.
2. Contact the following (in order of priority), let them know you have been exposed to COVID-19, then follow their instructions.
 - a. Your healthcare provider
 - b. CareerTEC office
3. In case of an emergency, call 911.

f) SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. CareerTEC employees, students, and visitors should practice staying approximately 3 feet away from others (and at least 6 feet whenever possible) and eliminating contact with others. Social distancing will be practiced to every extent possible.

- Hallway use will be limited to every extent possible. At St. John's, Culinary and HOYA I and II students will enter the building through the rear wing west doors; CIB and CIS students will enter through the rear wing north doors.
- Restrooms will have a limited capacity (No more than 3 at a time), and social distancing should be observed.

g) STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- At the earliest, students may enter a CareerTEC building 15 minutes before the start of class (7:15 a.m., 9:05 a.m., or 12:45 p.m.).
- Early students are encouraged to wear a mask while waiting outside or remain in their cars.
- Students will be dismissed in a controlled manner and should exit through the same doors in which they entered.

h) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

In order to minimize exposure to COVID-19, PPE may be needed to prevent certain exposures. PPE can include:

- **Coverings:** Face coverings are an important part of employee and student protection, as well as personal hygiene, social distancing, and frequent cleaning efforts.
 - Face coverings are strongly recommended.
 - Face coverings requirements may be adjusted throughout the year depending on local metrics.
- **Gloves:** Touching your face with contaminated hands, whether gloved or not, poses a significant risk of infection. Wearing gloves does not diminish the need to wash your hands. Please remember to wash your hands properly as it is the number-one defense against any virus. Additionally, the proper removal of gloves reduces the risk of being exposed to contamination.
 - Gloves are not required but should be used by the custodial and teaching staff when cleaning.

Please note that social distancing should still be practiced even with the use of gloves and masks, when possible.

In addition to using PPE, please remember to ...

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.

i) PERSONAL WORKSPACE/CLASSROOM

Employees are encouraged to disinfect their own personal workspace (teacher desk, student desks between periods, phone, etc.) throughout the day, giving special attention to commonly touched surfaces.

- Teachers will be asked to help clean student desks at least once a day.
- Teachers will be asked to clean manipulatives at least once a day or find a method to have individual bins for students.
- Classrooms will be cleaned at night by a hired cleaning crew.

Classrooms may be modified by teachers to allow for spacing. Flexible seating may be modified by teachers.

- Teachers may utilize small group tables and grouping when necessary for in-person instruction.
- Try to keep kids in their space as much as possible.
- Assign textbooks and materials to individuals and keep in the classroom when possible.

j) SHARED WORKSPACES

Employees are encouraged to disinfect their own workspace at least once a day, giving special attention to commonly touched surfaces. CareerTEC has alcohol-based hand sanitizers in common areas. Cleaning sprays and wipes are also available to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as telephones and keyboards. *(Please note that proper equipment such as acceptable disinfectant and PPE should be used when cleaning individual workspaces.)*

k) FACILITIES CLEANING

The safety of our employees and students is a top priority. We will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. The cleaning steps below are to be taken to disinfect workplace surfaces, chairs, tables, etc. to protect employees and reduce the risk of spread of infection. We will require employees to maintain this safety standard by continuously cleaning and disinfecting based on the frequency stated.

GENERAL DISINFECTION MEASURES

Category	Area	Frequency
Workspaces	Classrooms, Offices	Daily
Appliances	Refrigerators, Microwaves, Coffee Machines	Daily
Electronic Equipment	Copier machines, Shared computer monitors, TV's, Telephones, Keyboards	Daily
General Used Objects	Handles, light switches, sinks, restrooms	Daily

We will continue to use CDC and IDPH guidelines for cleaning.

l) DEEP CLEANING AND DISINFECTION PROTOCOL

Deep cleaning is triggered when an active employee or student is identified as positive for COVID-19 based on testing. Deep cleaning should be performed as soon as the confirmation of a positive test, as practical. While the scope of deep cleaning is presumed to be the full site, sites may reduce the footprint to be deep cleaned if there is sufficient rationale to do so, and they gain consensus of the director.

m) FOOD AND DRINKS

Food and drinks may be consumed in classrooms, maintaining social distancing when doing so. However, there will be no sharing of drinks. We recommend that snack items, candy, and drinks be store bought or individually wrapped. The water fountain at St. John will be open and the water filling station can be used if an individual brings his or her own container.

n) PREVENTIVE MATERIAL INVENTORY

- Confirm school district has an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and tissues
- Confirm a supply of gloves and other protective gear
- Touchless thermometers on-site for employee and student screening, if needed

o) VACCINATION

According to IDPH, “Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to prevent adverse outcomes related to COVID-19.” Respectful of peoples’ varying levels of vaccine confidence, those who wish to be vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community. There is no requirement for students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this time.

However, the healthcare industry continues to make vaccination a priority with its employees and anyone connected to its facilities. While vaccination is not mandatory for high school students, it is strongly recommended, especially for those working or shadowing in the healthcare field. On June 9, 2022, the CareerTEC Board of Directors approved the system director’s recommendation to require COVID-19 vaccination for any HOYA I students who wish to do clinical time in order to earn their Certified Nursing Assistant certification and any HOYA II students who will work in a nursing facility or clinical setting ***IF*** the local healthcare facility requires vaccination. HOYA I students may take the class and be unvaccinated but will not be eligible for the CNA certification as they will not allowed to do their clinical time. Since work-based learning is a large part of the HOYA II program, alternate arrangements will be attempted for HOYA II students who do not wish to be vaccinated, but there remains a possibility that the student(s) may need to withdraw or be removed from the program if alternate arrangements are unsuccessful.

p) SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

According to the CDC website, “Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can affect everyone directly and indirectly. Beyond getting sick, many young adults’ (and adults) social, emotional and mental well-being has been impacted by the pandemic. Trauma faced at this developmental stage may have long-term consequences across their lifespan. CDC’s *COVID-19 Parental Resource Kit: Ensuring Children and Young People’s Social, Emotional, and Mental Well-being* (<https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/teens-young-adults-support/index.html>) can help support parents, caregivers, and other adults serving children and young people in recognizing children and young people’s social, emotional, and mental challenges and helping to ensure their well-being.”

Text & Hotlines:**Contact**

(815) 233-4357

Information and referral hotline

Free and confidential hotline that is open 24 hours a day to anyone.

If no transportation, CONTACT can get food from the pantry or a paid grocery order delivered.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call 800-273-TALK (8255)
If you or someone you know is in crisis—whether they are considering suicide or not—please call the toll-free Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255) OR **998** to speak with a trained crisis counselor 24/7.

Crisis Text Line

Text NAMI to 741-741

Connect with a trained crisis counselor to receive free, 24/7 crisis support via text message.

Illinois Helpline

Emotional support/resources text “talk” to 55-2020 or “hablar” for Spanish.

Trevor Helpline

Crisis Prevention for LGBTQ+Youth

1-866-488-7386 or Text START to 678-678

Mental Health and Counseling Emergency Services

***Call 911 at any time for immediate services in case of emergency**

FHN Family Counseling Center

421 W. Exchange Street

599-7300

Accepts private insurance and public aid. Local community mental health center that provides but is not limited to emergency, psychiatric care, and counseling services.

New Horizons Counseling Center

815-235-6171

Accepts private insurance and has a sliding scale as well.

Voices of Stephenson County

565 N Turner Ave. 235-9421

24 Hour Domestic Violence (DV) Crisis Line: 8150235-1641

24 Hour Sexual Assault Services and Crisis Line: 815-232-7200

All services are free and confidential.

DV program offers: legal advocacy, counseling, transitional housing, support, safety planning

Sexual Assault Services: provides assistance, support, information and referral to victims, assistance with court proceedings, assistance obtaining sexual assault Civil No Contact Order, therapy for children and adults.

Rosecrance

1021 N Mulford Rd, Rockford (Administration building) 866-330-8729

Provides mental health and substance abuse treatment for adolescents through adults.

Private, not-for-profit organization, provides a full continuum of substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services. Emergency assessments/admissions are available 24 hours a day.

Insurance/Medicaid approved. **Provides telehealth services during COVID-19 Pandemic.**

q) COMMUNITY LEVELS

The updated CDC school guidance aligns with Community Levels for recommendations for testing and masking. Community levels can help schools and local health departments, as well as individuals, make decisions based on their local context and their unique needs. When communities are at a “high” level, the CDC recommends universal indoor masking as masks are critical to keeping classrooms open for in-person learning. In all Community Levels, staff and students with COVID-19-like symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask around others. Schools should also consider implementing screening testing for high-risk activities such as indoor sports and extracurricular activities, when students are returning from breaks, and for those serving students who are at high risk for getting very sick with COVID-19.

The following chart summarizing masking and testing recommendations at the three Community Levels.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL	PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR MASKING	PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR TESTING
LOW	Support those who choose to continue to mask	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for symptomatic persons and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to implement screening testing
MEDIUM	Person who are immunocompromised, at high risk for severe disease or have household or social contacts at high risk for severe disease, should be encouraged to talk to their healthcare providers about whether they need to wear a mask	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing
HIGH	Universal masking indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status, should be promoted. Persons who are immunocompromised should be encouraged to wear a mask or respiratory that provides greater protection.	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing

Upon consultation with local health departments, ISBE, IDPH and/or the CareerTEC Board of Directors, the CareerTEC system director will decide if masking indoors will be enforced.

r) PLAN REVIEW

Through September 30, 2023, this plan will be reviewed no less than every six months and revised as appropriate after considering CareerTEC Board and public input. Revisions will address the most recently updated safety recommendations by the CDC and made publicly available on CareerTEC's website.