October 30, 2020

It was certainly an exciting month at Delaware County Technical Schools as we welcomed our students back into our schools. Below is some additional information about our in-person transition and just a few reminders:

- **Health and Safety Plans:** We have safety procedures in place that follow CDC recommendations. These procedures have been closely monitored and strictly enforced.
  - **Masks:** Must be worn by everyone in the building. Masks must be worn correctly, with complete coverage of the mouth and nose. Students and staff should wear masks that have two or more layers of fabric/material and meet the requirements in the DCIU-DCTS Health and Safety Plan. Students and staff will not be permitted to enter the building without a mask.
  - **Social Distancing:** Students and staff must maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing. With large labs/classrooms, we are able to maintain 6 feet of social distancing between students and staff in our classrooms or separate them with plexiglass dividers.
  - **Hand Washing/Cleaning/Disinfecting:** Students and staff should wash hands frequently. High-touch areas are cleaned multiple times throughout the day and classroom/lab areas are disinfected after each session.
  - **Screening:** Staff and students are asked to self-screen before coming to DCTS. Students and staff who are symptomatic must stay home. Staff/students who become symptomatic while at DCTS will be sent home. We have modified our nurse’s suites to include an isolation room where students can stay until a parent can pick them up.

- **Transportation:** Districts are providing bus transportation daily. Please contact your district with any bus transportation issues. Students may elect to apply for a driving pass or to have a family member drop them off or pick them up. Please note that students must be dropped off for the AM session between 7:25 and 7:35. Students must be dropped off for the PM session between 11:15 and 11:25.

- **In-Person Instruction:** Students are expected to attend in-person instruction daily. In-person instruction is critical for student success in our technical programs. A remote learning model will be offered to students who need to temporarily quarantine or have another issue that prevents them from attending in-person. We do not recommend a remote learning model for a long duration because students will be unable to acquire hands-on technical skills and access our state-of-the-art equipment. We understand that each student’s situation is unique. If a student needs to remain in a remote learning model for a longer duration of greater than 10 days due to a documented significant medical condition or other circumstance, DCTS administration and any required student services team needs to approve the student programming after a discussion of the impact on a student’s ability to meet their technical program career objective.

If you have any questions that are not addressed with this information, please contact us. Thank you for your assistance with our transition to in-person instruction.

Sincerely,

DCTS Administration