

Health and Safety Plan: Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11  
**Early Intervention Program**  
Addendum Revisions: Effective March 14, 2022

**Universal Masking and COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements**

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Moving forward, our program will use these community levels, coupled with the PA COVID dashboard information to make conditions-based decisions about our programs. As our numbers of positive cases are steadily decreasing and our rate of vaccination is steadily increasing, our program will no longer require universal masking, as there is no state mask mandate. The CDC continues to recommend universal indoor masking for persons over the age of 2 and although masking is encouraged, it is not required. Staff and students will continue to have the option to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. If the rates increase rapidly from a low level into a medium or high level, or a new mandate is implemented, staff and students may be required to move back to universal masking. Staff are required to self-screen daily for symptoms to attest to their fitness level in order to report to work. Families are to continue to screen children at home for any symptoms and keep children home when they are sick.

The TIU11 currently offers rapid COVID 19 testing for any employee, at any time. Additionally, each Monday, the TIU11 offers PCR testing at the main office for any interested employees.

Itinerant staff providing in-home services: Masking is optional, unless requested by the family to do so while in the home. If masking is not possible, or staff do not choose to mask, in-home sessions will be replaced with virtual therapy sessions.

Itinerant staff providing center-based services: Follow center protocols.

Consultants, visitors, behavioral health providers, and families will be permitted to enter the classrooms when appropriate, on a limited basis, following TIU 11 policies and applicable CDC, PA DOH, and PDE recommended layered prevention strategies. Prior to entry in the classroom, the following screening questions will be presented:

1. Have you had close contact with any person who has been tested without result or received a positive COVID test within the last 14 days?
2. Have you been advised by a medical professional to self-quarantine within the last 14 days?
3. Do you have signs or symptoms of a fever, new or worsening cough, sore throat, shortness of breath?

If any of the above answers are "yes", a classroom visit/meeting will need to be postponed.

\* The TIU EI program will continue to follow guidelines for prevention layering strategies for handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and ventilation. Community transmission rates will continue to be monitored. This plan is conditions-based and decisions will be driven by most current factors relative to the COVID 19 pandemic.