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SUMMER PROGRAM SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The health and safety of students and staff is paramount to a successful program. As per the NYS Department of Health advisory guidelines for summer school special education programming, the following steps will be implemented to ensure the well-being of all involved in the summer program. Please contact school administration with any specific questions.

Building and Room Usage

Half-day models to reduce capacity to 50%, with half of the students being in school in the morning and half in the afternoon. Students will complete online learning during the other half of the day they are not in live session.

Only the largest classroom spaces and common areas will be used which allow for at least 6 feet of space between student and teacher desks. Student class sizes will be instructed at 6:1:1 ratios.

Signs detailing appropriate hygiene, washing, PPE use, and social distancing will be displayed throughout the building.

Rooms will be used throughout the building to allow for spacing between classrooms to ensure there are no overlaps or congestion in the hallways.

All sessions will be single-classroom with no period changes, eliminating the potential for hallway traffic or unmonitored student interactions.

Cottage quarantine protocols will be supported within the scheduling of student classes.

Safety & Health Screenings

All staff are required to wear masks during program hours. Masks are optional but available for students. Gloves are available as needed.

All staff will be screened daily upon arrival including temperature checks and health surveys.

All staff will be required to complete an online training prior to the program opening.

School administration will coordinate daily with RTC administration for updated reports on student health, with any symptomatic students being retained in cottages or the infirmary, and an isolation room at the school in the event a student becomes symptomatic during the school day until they can be seen by agency medical personnel.

Cleaning and Disinfection

The school uses an electrostatic sprayer with DOH-approved cleaner to disinfect classrooms, offices, and common areas daily, in addition to regular cleaning procedures using approved products.

A one-hour layover between the morning and afternoon sessions will allow custodial staff to disinfect all areas before the next student group arrives.

Five hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the school for use by students and staff.