



# Parkway West Career and Technology Center

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I am writing to provide you with important information regarding changes to the learning format offered at Parkway West Career and Technology Center (PWCTC). PWCTC's first priority is the health and safety of our students, staff members, and shared communities. We have and will continue to invest a high-level commitment to ensure the health and safety of all while providing the highest quality of education possible.

On Monday, November 16, 2020, school leaders in Allegheny County met with the Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Education to discuss the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and the recommended educational models if cases continue to increase.

Since our first day of in-person learning on August 24, 2020, we have worn masks, socially distanced (when possible), asked students, and staff to do daily health monitoring, disinfected bathrooms and high touch areas throughout the day, and limited access to our school buildings. While it has not been ideal, it has provided our students an opportunity to interact with instructors and classmates and receive hands on instruction. Despite our best efforts to mitigate COVID-19, Allegheny County is now in the "Substantial Level" of community transmission and the Pennsylvania Department of Education will recommend that all schools transition to online learning for at least a two-week period. **Therefore, Parkway West Career and Technology Center will transition to full remote learning beginning on Monday, November 23, 2020.** We will continue to monitor CDC guidelines and recommendations from the Allegheny Health Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

All updates and announcements will be communicated to parents/guardians and students using the Sendit calling system, PWCTC website, Parkway West App and social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

Following the guidance and recommendations of local and state health officials is critical to the health and safety of the community as a whole. By working together, we hope to resume offering in-person instruction for PWCTC students as soon as it is safe to do so.

PWCTC has established an email for school reopening questions that will be monitored by administrators and student support staff. If you have any specific questions, please email [schoolreopening@parkwaywest.org](mailto:schoolreopening@parkwaywest.org). Additionally, you can call the school at 412-923-1772.

Sincerely,

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