

# Health and Safety Plan Summary: VisionQuest National LTD – Blue Ridge Academy

**Initial Effective Date: 3/20/2020**

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1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?
  - a. VisionQuest Blue Ridge Academy is dedicated to maintaining the safety and well being of all youth and staff within the facility. Blue Ridge Academy has committed to enhanced cleaning and disinfecting strategies within the program and school. Masks are provided and worn by all teachers, staff, youth, and visitors. Temperatures are taken daily and youth are monitored throughout the day for any symptoms. Staff, teachers, and visitors are screened prior to entering the facility as well as being asked to stay home if symptoms or a high temperature is observed. Youth who were previously attending public schooling off site have received laptops and are able to access their work, which has been supplied by their appropriate schools. To ensure proper social distancing, youth are to be split up into two classrooms with no more than 6 youth to a classroom . All persons must maintain 6-10 feet distance between each other. Transition to the classrooms will also follow current social distancing recommendations
    - i. Youth will be called to line up in front of their individual bedroom doors (based on the classroom they are assigned to) while maintaining 6 feet distance at minimum and staff will properly account for each youth being present.
    - ii. Youth will then proceed to designated area for the scheduled school day while continuing to maintain the proper distance during the transition. Staff monitor to ensure youth are following this protocol.
2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

- a. Youth within the VisionQuest Blue Ridge Academy continue to receive normal services including counseling, groups, education, group activities, visitation (when safe to do so), and are able to socialize as per program protocols. All visitors are screened for temperature and symptoms prior to entry into the facility. Food services are provided with social distancing while dining. Food is provided individually to any youth in quarantine to prevent the spread of any illness.
3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p><b>a. <u>Universal and correct wearing of masks;</u></b></p>	<p>Masks are provided to all youth, staff, and visitors within the program. Masks are to be worn universally amongst vaccinated and unvaccinated persons at all times when interacting or in public areas of the facility.</p>
<p><b>b. <u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</u></b></p>	<p>VisionQuest Blue Ridge Academy is set up for each youth to have individual bedrooms to reduce the potential for spreading any illness and to allow for comfortable quarantine when necessary. Youth are split into two groups of six to allow for social distancing of 6-10 ft at all times when in public areas including school time.</p>
<p><b>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></b></p>	<p>VisionQuest Blue Ridge Academy maintains a healthy hygiene culture. This includes making available items that reduce the likelihood of spread of the virus. All persons within the program wash their hands for 20-30 seconds with soap and water. This has proven the most effective way to prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses. This is strongly promoted and modeled throughout the program. All are encouraged to use tissues or their elbow to cover a cough or sneeze and wash their hands immediately following.</p>
<p><b>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></b></p>	<p>In the e Staff within the Blue Ridge Academy use disinfectant spray or wipes to clean the most commonly used surfaces of the facility including desk, counter, and table tops, door handles, railings, etc. The staff disinfect these areas prior to use and again after the area has been in use. Youth are responsible for disinfecting their bedrooms after using the restroom. Youth are under</p>

	<p>supervision while disinfecting these areas. In the event disinfectants become unavailable, the program will use the recommended diluted bleach and water solution to disinfect surfaces in and around the facility. The bleach ratio is 5 tablespoons of bleach to one gallon of water or 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water. Staff will disinfect commonly touched surfaces throughout the day, morning and evening, and after using an area. All cleaning supplies will remain locked when not in use.</p>
<p><b>e. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</b></p>	<p>All VisionQuest programs will coordinate with their local health departments to provide results and contact tracing as necessary. Contact tracing will document any interaction or exposure to a person with positive COVID test results within three days prior to initial symptoms. Anyone identified as having been exposed will follow quarantine procedures as well as immediate testing at a nearby testing facility. Symptoms will be monitored and documented.</p>
<p><b>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing</u>;</b></p>	<p>Temperatures are taken daily and youth are monitored throughout the day for any symptoms. Staff, teachers, and visitors are screened prior to entering the facility as well as being asked to stay home if symptoms or a high temperature is observed.</p> <p>Considering the recent US cases of COVID-19, VisionQuest Blue Ridge Academy will observe for signs of the virus in staff, youth and visitors. Major symptoms of the virus are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- fever of 100.4 or greater</li> <li>- shortness of breath or acute respiratory illness</li> <li>- cough</li> <li>- chills</li> <li>- nausea and digestive issues</li> <li>- tiredness or fatigue and aches</li> <li>- bluish lips or face</li> <li>- persistent pain or pressure in the chest</li> <li>- vomiting</li> <li>- sore throat, runny nose</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Any staff displaying these symptoms or claiming to have these symptoms will be asked to stay home from work utilizing the guidelines set by the CDC. Staff displaying more than two of the symptoms listed above will need to be medically cleared before returning to work.</b></p> <p>Visitors of the program will be by approval and schedule only at this time. If a visitor comes to the program, they will take their temperature and record it in the temperature log, then fill out a visitor Questionnaire to evaluate for symptoms and recent travel. Anyone displaying symptoms will not be allowed to enter the facility. Family visitation will continue as outlined below.</p>
<p><b>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u></b></p>	<p>Vaccination</p> <p>As vaccination for COVID-19 becomes available in each state phase, staff are encouraged to protect themselves by scheduling to receive the vaccine. Receiving the vaccine is not mandatory however, remaining unvaccinated will require weekly testing to ensure the safety of the program.</p> <p>Scheduling for staff opting to receive vaccines should be done using a staggered plan in case of any adverse side effects. This can help to maintain program coverage.</p> <p>Youth are explained the benefits of vaccination and offered opportunities to receive vaccination at their own preference.</p>
<p><b>h. <u>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</u></b></p>	<p>All necessary accommodations will be made on a case by case basis for anyone in the facility with a disability or physical difficulty. Full PPE will be worn while in close proximity with another individual and will be worn while providing assistance when necessary.</p>
<p><b>i. <u>Coordination with state and local health officials.</u></b></p>	<p>VisionQuest Blue Ridge Academy Program Director and team will coordinate with local health officials and continue to be aware and compliant with changes and mandates issued by OCYF and the county, state, and federal government. In the event of a local shutdown, essential personnel staffing will continue as</p>

	scheduled to ensure proper supervision of youth. In house programming will continue as planned.
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## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **VisionQuest National LTD** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **8/30/2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

**Yes**

**No**

Affirmed on: **8/30/2021**

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