

## **Special Opportunity!**

### **NJ Safe Schools Program Now Offers in 2021-2022 the Opportunity for Minimal Cost Teacher/Supervisor Work-Based Learning Trainings**

The NJ Safe Schools Program (NJSS) is implementing a special grant funded initiative in partnership with the NJ Department of Education-Office of Career Readiness. The goal is to provide teachers free (only low administrative cost) work-based learning (WBL or formerly school-sponsored structured learning experiences) supervisory trainings for career and technical education (CTE) and WBL in non-hazardous occupations throughout NJ via targeted recruitment.

Teachers will represent the State of NJ, with equal opportunity by region (north, central, and south) and additional opportunity for teachers in larger urban/suburban populations serving historically underrepresented minority, low-middle income students. Eligible teachers (hold a NJ teacher certificate) are endorsed in (with confirmed certification credentials) CTE, agricultural education, business, and/or family and consumer sciences. This application is only available for those individuals that hold a NJ teacher certificate and a NJ CTE endorsement. If you apply and are not eligible for this opportunity, then NJSS will contact you and provide more information to register for our regular work-based learning training cohorts, at reduced total cost and an improved administrative process, being offered January-July 2022.

For eligible, endorsed teachers there will be six cohorts of trainings available between mid-fall 2021 and summer 2022. Participants are selected and assigned to cohorts #1-6 using application form via PsychData. To access and submit the application form, please visit <https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=192380>.

Please note: If you previously completed the four required courses for WBL, formerly school-sponsored structured learning experiences, then you do not need to retake these courses in this capacity.

An outline of the four required courses for work-based learning supervision is below. The teachers eligible for the aforementioned opportunity are also required to take two other online topical courses—otherwise offered for free to teachers and students statewide—on apprenticeships and cyber-safety/cyber-security.

#### **A. Federal Wage & Hour and Child Labor Laws**

Online course. This course is hosted on the Rutgers Canvas learning management system (LMS) and takes about 4-6 hours to complete.

#### **B. New Jersey Wage & Hour and Child Labor Laws**

Online course for 2021. This course has two parts. First, the online course on the Rutgers Canvas learning management system (LMS), then the live session hosted on Microsoft Teams.

#### **C. OSHA 10 Plus**

Online course for 2021. This course has three parts. First, the “OSHA 10 General Industry” online course on CareerSafe, then the NJDOE 2-hour Safety and Health overview on the Rutgers Canvas learning management system (LMS), and lastly the live session hosted on Rutgers WebEx.

#### **D. Designing & Implementing Student Training Plans**

Online course for 2021. This course has two parts. First, the online course on the Rutgers Canvas learning management system (LMS), including the completion of the mandatory day two field assignment, then the live session hosted on Rutgers WebEx.

### **Enrollment in Online NJ Employment Certificates Issuing Officer Course for Fall 2021**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's (NJLWD) Division of Wage and Hour Compliance and the New Jersey Safe Schools Program (NJSS), are offering an online asynchronous version of the formerly in-person training on employment certificates for issuing officers on the Rutgers Canvas Learning Management System or LMS.

The training sessions are for school officials who are designated by their local district board of education to issue A300 Combined Certification and A310 Combined Certification forms for minors under the age of 18 who work in New Jersey in accordance with Child Labor Laws and Regulations, *N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.1 et seq.* These forms are commonly known as employment certificates, working papers and special permits for agriculture, newspaper carriers or theatrical employment.

The course is now available for enrollment for the fall 2021 cohort. The course must be completed by November 7, 2021. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of completion for two PDUs. In addition, NJSS will work with NJLWD to return answers to any questions you put in the Rutgers Canvas LMS course evaluation before the week of the Thanksgiving holiday.

To register for the free course, please contact NJSS at [cscbre@sph.rutgers.edu](mailto:cscbre@sph.rutgers.edu). Please provide in your email your first and last name, school district/school, current title(s) at your secondary school, and your work e-mail plus a personal e-mail for back-up communication. Staff will provide you with access to the course via Rutgers Canvas.

For more information about employment certificates and special permits, visit the [NJLWD, Division Wage and Hour Compliance website](#). Should you have any questions about the course, please contact NJSS at [cscbre@sph.rutgers.edu](mailto:cscbre@sph.rutgers.edu).

## Official State and Federal COVID-19 Guidance (Online Resources)

The State of NJ has a number of credible resources regarding COVID-19. Live updates, announcements, health information and services, and resources for at home student learning can be accessed for free online. If you are interested in accessing official State of NJ guidance, please visit the following webpages:

- <https://covid19.nj.gov/>
- <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- <https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/> "The Road Forward: Engage, Recover, and Reimagine Education in New Jersey" (This includes information on new initiatives, funding sources available, and standardized testing plans for the remainder of 2021.)
- <https://www.nj.gov/education/> including tips (topics, posted in fall 2020 and spring 2020) for virtual professional learning and teaching/working with colleagues, students and their families: <https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/teacherresources/virtualproflearning.shtml>.
- <https://rutgerstraining.sph.rutgers.edu/covid19/> COVID-19 Resources for Businesses and Workplaces from the Rutgers Center for Public Health Workforce Development

The NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service has updated COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools for the 2021-2022 school year. This information is available on the Communicable Disease Service COVID-19 Information for Schools website at: [https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_schools.shtml](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schools.shtml).

The NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) has also developed fact sheets on steps schools can take in improving indoor air quality with re-opening and continued operations. These include fact sheets on: 1) the different types of air cleaning devices (including ozone emitting air purifiers) which may pose a health risk to children and staff; 2) the PEOSH indoor air quality standard; 3) steps to improve ventilation; and 4) guidance on safe application of disinfectants to large areas.

These fact sheets can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/environmental-occupational/reducing-hazardous-exposures/index.shtml>.

The U.S. government also provides COVID-19 guidance related to schools.

A few resources are provided below from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on latest guidelines, recommendations for protecting K-12 school staff, and cleaning and disinfection.

The link to a six-step infographic from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for safe and effective disinfectant use in schools (and homes, etc.) is also included below.

A link to a list of hand sanitizer products one should not use from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is also provided below.

The NJ PEOSH Program recommends these resources as well.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)-Occupational Safety and Health Administration also provides a fact sheet—downloadable in English and many other languages as a PDF file—on 10 steps to reduce your exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus causing COVID-19. And, on 4/7/2021, U.S. DOL-Wage & Hour Division launched a new version of their website, <http://www.worker.gov>, also available in Spanish (click upper right corner, “Español”); alternatively, you can go directly to it, <http://www.worker.gov/es> (click upper right corner, English, to go back).

If you are interested in accessing these federal guidance files, please visit the following webpages:

- [CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation](#)
- [CDC Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities](#)
- [CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
- [EPA Six Steps for Safe & Effective Disinfectant Use](#)
- [FDA List of Hand Sanitizer Products You Should Not Use](#)
- [USDOL-OSHA 10 Steps Workplaces Can Take to Reduce Risk of Exposure to Coronavirus](#) with English PDF being, <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3994.pdf>.

There are also school specific resources regarding COVID-19.

For example, below is a link to an infographic on mask guidance to use with high school students.

- <https://preventepidemics.org/covid19/resources/mask-playbook/>