

## Alpha Academy

### RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

2021-2022

The board of directors and school administration of Alpha Academy engaged in a review of “North Carolina Lighting Our Way Forward” and guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to determine best practices for a return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. We continue to review updates of official information and reserve the flexibility to modify our strategies in the light of new information and development in the COVID-19 pandemic in the best interests of our students and staff.

#### **Mandatory Mask Requirements** *(No longer required as of 8/18/22)*

All students, staff, and guests that enter Alpha Academy facilities are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth that is sufficient to prevent airborne droplets as a cautionary measure against the spread of COVID-19 or its variants. The school will provide masks at the front entrance if a student, staff, or guest does not have one. No person shall enter the school facilities without a mask.

#### **Handwashing and Hand Sanitizers**

The school will provide hand sanitizer stations at the front entrance of the school and hand sanitizing stations shall be set at multiple locations throughout the school for use by students, staff, and guests. Students, staff, and guests are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and to use hand sanitizers as a precaution.

#### **Social Distancing**

All students, staff, and guest shall practice social distancing to the extent practicable. The school reserves the right to modify school schedules to reduce the number of persons in the facility at any one time and impose mandatory social distancing.

#### **Instructional Delivery Methods**

Alpha Academy will provide in-person instruction. The school may use a blended learning model of instruction which includes digital learning. The school will maintain its ability to quickly convert to remote instruction. The school will provide remote instruction to students that are required to quarantine. The school will promote a remote option for students in sensitive situations to protect their health and safety.

#### **School Nutrition/Meals**

Alpha Academy is in the process of providing breakfast and lunch to eligible students at the school. Students will be required to observe social distancing guideline and hand sanitation

guidelines. The school will post guidelines and provide instruction to students and parents on any special requirements that may be required.

Alpha Academy will provide water bottles to students each day to prevent virus transmission at water fountains.

### **Transportation**

Alpha Academy will provide bus transportation and resume its normal transportation program. Students that ride school buses or school transportation are required to wear mask.

### **COVID-19 Screening**

Alpha Academy will provide COVID-19 screenings and hosts vaccination events to make it convenient to obtain vaccinations free of charge. The school may conduct temperature checks. All students, staff, or guest are requested to report any COVID-19 symptoms to the school's main office or the Emergency Response Team. Students, staff, and guests are requested to voluntarily report any known exposures to COVID-19.

### **Quarantine Requirements**

Alpha Academy will require students and staff that have been exposed to COVID-19 or its variants to quarantine based upon the current CDC Guidelines. During quarantine, the school will provide remote instruction to students and their attendance will be marked "present off-site" if they participate and log attendance as required during the quarantine.

### **Contact Tracing**

Alpha Academy will participate in contact tracing to provide notice to any individual who may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus or its variants by contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases at the school.

### **Facilities Sanitation**

Alpha Academy will provide regular and special sanitation of its facilities, including surfaces, air filtering, and other sanitation recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### **Return to Full Instruction**

The school returned to in-person instruction at the beginning of the 21-22 school year on August 19, 2021.

### **Updates for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Mandatory mask requirements were lifted at the school at the start of the 22-23 school year. Alpha Academy continues to place an emphasis on safety and enhanced cleaning throughout the school. Alpha Academy has placed enhanced air filters and air sensors around the school to monitor and appropriately respond to identified air quality.

Alpha Academy continues to provide water bottles to students to minimize risk of virus transmission at water fountains.