

# Smith Academy for Excellence

## Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

Smith Academy will continue to prioritize the health and safety of its students and staff members. Preventative measures will be taken to mitigate potential exposure to the novel coronavirus in any way. In addition, the school will ensure continuity of services for academic and social-emotional needs.

- At the beginning of the year, students and staff will be trained in the proper wearing of masks.
- Classrooms, the cafeteria and common areas have been adapted to facilitate appropriate physical distancing. Measures included distancing of seats, spaced out markers for students to stand at when waiting in line etc. In addition, the school will limit access to the school so that only individuals pertinent to school operations and programming are permitted.
- At the beginning of the year, students and staff will be trained on proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette and will be expected to maintain those practices with fidelity throughout the school year.
- Smith Academy will continue to follow the guidance of the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Allen County Department of Health for cleaning and disinfecting public facilities. Our custodial services, in addition to the standard sanitation protocols, will utilize disinfectant misting. Disinfecting and sanitizing areas with this process is the most effective and efficient way of reducing illnesses and is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- In the event of virus exposure, the local and state protocol for contact tracing shall be implemented immediately.
- When necessary, diagnostic and screening testing may be utilized.
- Smith Academy will make every effort to encourage vaccinations and to offer assistance in making vaccinations available for our students and their families.
- In addition to the regular accommodations provided for students with disabilities, the school will offer any necessary assistance or accommodations possible with respect to health and safety in regards to COVID-19.
- The school will coordinate with local and state health officials to the greatest extent possible.
- This plan shall be updated no less than every six months.