

**Able Academics is committed to provide our students and staff with a safe environment in which to work and learn. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Able Academics has instituted the following policies to ensure the well-being of the Able community. These policies go into effect on June 3, 2020 and will continued to be utilized until we are advised by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to discontinue these practices.**

### **Space/Enrollment**

As always, our class size will remain small. In addition, we will utilize our 11,000 square feet of our school to help maintain social distancing. Students will remain in their small groups throughout the day. Each student will have a hula hoop that will be utilized to help them understand social distance when doing any group activities with their classmates. We are also committed to continued education on proper safety protocols, such as hand washing, distancing, ect, through our Life Skills program.

### **Attendance Requirements**

During this time of uncertainty, all Able Academics student attendance requirements will be waived. All absence will be excused. We ask that parents keep their children home if they are ill. In addition, Able Academics staff will be sent home if they come to work ill.

### **Mask Requirements**

Able Academics staff will be required to wear mask while work with students for a minimum of two weeks to ensure student safety. Students will not be required to wear mask, but it is highly encouraged for those who are able.

### **Arrival Procedure for Students and Staff**

The following procedure will be conducted daily prior to signing in for the day:

- Caregiver/Staff member will be asked if they are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, such as the symptoms listed below:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

- Temperature Checks will be conducted daily. Any student or staff member who is found to have a fever per CDC guidelines will not be permitted to attend that day. The CDC considers a person to have a fever when measured temperature is 100.4°F (38C°) or higher.
- Those who are found to be experiencing any symptoms, will be sent home. If sent home a staff member must be tested for Covid-19 with either a viral or antibodies test and must submit a doctor's clearance prior to returning. Antibodies test can be found at this link <https://www.healthlabs.com/covid-19-antibody-test> and can show immunity to the virus.

### **Student Drop off/ Pick Up Procedures**

In order to maintain proper social distancing, we would like to limit the number of people on our campus. We ask that families utilize the car loop for student drop off and pick up. Temperature checks and student sign in will occur at the vehicle in the car loop prior to the student entering the building. Parents/caregivers are asked to remain in their vehicles.

### **Late Arrival/Early Pick Up**

If a student arrives after car loop is completed or needs to leave prior to their scheduled dismissal time, we ask that parents follow the procedure below.

- Park in designated parking spot around the back of the school
- Call the Front Desk (321) 888-3020 and inform staff that student has arrived/needs to pick up
- If student is arriving, Staff will come to car, complete temp check, and take student to class
- For early pick up, staff will bring student to vehicle

### **Visitors/Outside Therapy**

- We will not allow access to visitors.
- We ask that all Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies continue to be done via telehealth when possible. Able Academics will provide a space and staff to monitor student during these times.
- Any visitor that is permitted on school property must follow the guidelines below:
  - If any vendor or service provider is to be admitted to the premises, they must have their temperature taken and confirmed that they do not have a fever (>100.4F°) nor any other symptoms.
  - If vendors are approved for entry, they must wear masks, wash hands and then Able Academics employees should keep 6 feet of separation from them.
  - All deliveries to Able Academics places of business must be made to a drop off location, marked by signage, and be met, if necessary, with physical distancing practices.
  - Sick individuals should not be allowed to access our property at any time. Place notices at facilities, offices, and other entrances.

## **Communal Spaces**

Use of communal areas will be limited. No more than a single class will be allowed on the playground at a time in order to maintain proper social distancing. The main auditorium will be used sparingly, and proper social distance will be utilized when in use. Any communal area that are used will be immediately sanitized when each group is done.

## **Lunch Requirements**

Until further notice, students will be required to eat lunch in their classrooms or outside in properly socially distanced groups. We ask that lunches be sent in disposable materials that can be thrown away after lunch is completed. Disposable water bottles can be sent but must be thrown out each day and may not be shared even among siblings. However, paper cups will be provided throughout the day. Use of water fountains will not be permitted.

## **Sanitation Requirements**

Able will continue to utilize proper sanitization practices to ensure the safety of our staff and students. We will practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, and doorknobs. We will avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. Clean and disinfect them before and after use. We will discourage our students from sharing their school supplies. However, when this cannot be avoided items will be sanitized before and after use. Please see *School Supplies* below for additional information regarding student materials.

Furthermore, additional sanitation stations will be set up through out the school and at each school exit.

## **Staff Rotations**

In a further attempted to protect our students and staff, staff will not rotate classrooms throughout the school day. Staff will only work in one assigned room each day. This includes all BCBA's and BCABA's.

## **Response Team Requirement**

In the event that a Response Team is required to intervene on student behavior, team members will wear mask and sanitize immediately before and after interventions are utilized. As always, all de-escalation strategies will be utilized prior to any physical contact.

## **School Supplies**

To ensure that students do not need to share school supplies, we ask that each child bring the following items in a labelled zip lock bag when they return to school:

- A box of pencils
- A box of crayons
- A pair of student scissors
- A small personal pencil sharpener
- A set of markers

These items will be kept in your child's desk and used only by them. If due to these difficult times, you need Able to supply these items, please let Ms. Debbie know.

