



YMCA TIGER ACADEMY

July 31, 2020

Dear New and Returning **Tiger Academy** Families:

I hope that this communication finds you well. Recently, the Duval County School Board voted to extend the opening of schools until August 20th. As a charter school, Tiger Academy has autonomy in developing its own schedule. In addition, Tiger Academy scholars are in school 15 additional days each school year. To that end, **Tiger Academy is scheduled to begin school Monday, August 10th**. All instruction will take place virtually until Friday, August 28th. There will be no brick-and-mortar option until **Monday, August 31st**. For the first three weeks of school, we will focus on building community, getting to know families, and administering diagnostic assessments.

During the first three weeks of school, families will be meeting individually with teachers so that there is synergy between the family, the school, and the student. We will use this time to make sure that every scholar has a device for learning, and that we all understand the new school protocols going forward. Teachers will contact each family to coordinate team conferences and to coordinate diagnostic assessments. Your child's teacher will provide more specific information in the near future.

Tiger Academy has a detailed opening plan on our website www.ymcatigeracademy.org. Please view the plan for updated information. Such issues as face coverings, temperature checks, symptom checks, etc., are addressed in the plan.

Here are some reminders of a few updated protocols we have established:

- **Face Coverings will be required**
Tiger Academy will provide a mask for all students. All staff members will be required to wear masks.
- **Sanitation measures**
Tiger Academy will be installing sneeze guards for the desks, self-cleaning door handles, foggers for disinfecting areas, and an additional custodian who will focus on cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day
- **Campus Upgrades**
New carpet is installed throughout the building. We have repurposed space so that we have a larger clinic area. All water fountains will be replaced with water bottle filling stations. The hand air dryers will be replaced with automatic paper towel dispensers. Students will not change classes. All students will have individual student materials, and social distancing practices will take place in the cafeteria and classrooms. We have added outdoor picnic tables to assist with social distancing.

- **What are options/choices for instruction?**

- Full time face to face 5 days week (beginning August 31st)
- Hybrid of face to face and virtual (2 days a week Face-to-Face with 3 days virtual)
- All Virtual- same curriculum and number of school hours-students will Zoom into the classes and participate virtually as if they were in the classroom (synchronous instruction)

*All virtual students must submit attendance by 8:30 each morning- they are expected to engage in a regular 7 1/2 hour school day 5 days a week.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this process. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at TIGERPARENT@FCYMCA.org or call us at (904) 309-6840.

Sincerely,

Charles McWhite

Principal