

Academy Adventures Midtown

Health Mitigation Plan 2020-2021

This policy is based on Arizona Department of Health Services Benchmarks to **Safely Returning to In Person Instruction** and their four (4) scenarios: Virtual, Hybrid, Traditional and Intermittent. These scenarios fall under three (3) categories: Substantial, Moderate and Minimal. Each scenario is outlined below based on the ADHS benchmarks.

*The Department of Health Services benchmarks for **Safely Returning to In Person Instruction** can be found at this link:*

<https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-safely-return-to-in-person-instruction.pdf>

Students will be required to participate in school daily and attendance will be counted. Attendance procedures are posted on the website and have been distributed to all families. The school day is 8:00 AM - 2:15 PM (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and 9:00 AM - 2:15 PM (Wednesday). On Early Release Days, the students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

(SUBSTANTIAL-VIRTUAL) Distance Learning (August 6-14, 2020):

Based on the metric benchmarks set forth by the state, Arizona is still in the Substantial stage and it is not safe for students to return to in person classes. With this in mind, Academy Adventures Midtown will provide all students a structured, engaging Distance Learning program that meets state standards and requirements. Lessons will be divided into daily Synchronous and Asynchronous lessons. The official Distance Learning Plan submitted to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools can be found on our website at: <https://academyadventuresmidtown.com/2020-2021-learning-plans-policies/>

Synchronous Learning (live instruction) will be done via Zoom. Synchronous Learning will be daily, beginning at 8:00 AM (9:00 AM Wednesday) for all students. This will last 30 minutes and include Attendance, Pledge of Allegiance, School Pledge and one SEL school wide activity. At 8:30 AM (9:30 AM Wednesday) some students will begin their Synchronous Learning instruction and some students will begin their Asynchronous Learning. Each grade level has a specific schedule of when they need to be present for live Zoom lessons and have specific assignments to work on during Asynchronous Learning time. These schedules are posted for each child in their Class Dojo and have been distributed to all parents.

During Asynchronous Learning (offline) students will be working on assignments that the teachers have set up. These assignments will include, but are not limited to, assignments set up on SplashLearn (Math), Kids A-Z (Reading), Writing A-Z, Vocabulary A-Z, SuperKids (ELA) and typing.com. In addition, the teachers will post assignments for students in Class Dojo Portfolios that they will need to work on and turn in. Students will also be required to read and have their Reading Log signed off by an adult verifying the child read the amount of minutes required per their daily schedule.

(SUBSTANTIAL-VIRTUAL) Distance Learning with Support Services (Begins August 17, 2020):

Per the Governor's Executive Order (2020-51), beginning August 17, 2020, Academy Adventures Midtown will continue with Distance Learning, however, for those children who need support services the school will be open 8:00 AM-2:15 PM (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) and 9:00 AM-2:15 PM (Wednesday). Early Release days until 11:30 AM. Parents will be required to let the school know the Friday prior if their child will be at the school the following week. The school being open for "support services" will not be providing any in-person instruction and it will not be a traditional school day based on the ADHS benchmarks.

Distance Learning with Support Services will follow the Distance Learning Plan above. The changes will include the ability for children to be on campus doing their Distance Learning and receiving support services such as Special Education.

How the child's day will look on campus:

- 1) Upon arrival at the school, students will be asked health screening questions and temperatures will be taken. Temperatures will be taken again at lunch time, or if any child expresses feeling ill or present any symptoms.
- 2) Students will be required to wear a cloth face mask the entire time, with the exception of eating and/or drinking.
- 3) Students will be prompted to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds frequently throughout the day including when they arrive at school, before and after breaks, before and after eating, before leaving the school, etc.
- 4) Students will be assigned a socially distanced desk from other students to sit and do their Distance Learning on their assigned computer.
- 5) Students will eat breakfast, snack and lunch at their designated desk.
- 6) Students will follow their Distance Learning schedule by grade level (Synchronous and Asynchronous). There will not be direct in person interaction/instruction with teachers and/or other students.
- 7) The school will provide a monitor to watch the children and assist with getting online, distribute meals and snack, dismiss at the end of the day, etc.
- 8) Students will be given an opportunity to go outside and walk/run for a few minutes throughout the day, but there will be no recess and social distancing will be practiced.
- 9) Cleaning and sanitizing of frequently high touch areas will be done throughout the day.

Students will be expected to stay at their designated desk the entire day, with the exception of using the restroom and brief, socially distanced breaks. Students will be expected to complete their work and participate in all Zoom lessons with their teacher.

Behavioral issues will not be tolerated. Students will be expected to be appropriate, keep their mask on the entire day, stay at their designated desk and follow instruction from the monitors.

Parents will be required to let the school know each Friday if their child will be participating in Distance Learning with Support Services the following week. This will ensure that the school has a designated desk ready for the child when they arrive. This will also ensure the health and safety for all students and staff in the building.

(MODERATE-HYBRID) Hybrid Learning (Date to be announced):

Hybrid Learning will be considered by the Academy Adventures Midtown School Board when state and local authorities verify that the state (and/or local area) have met the ***Safely Returning to In Person Instruction*** benchmarks set by ADHS and deem it safe for students to attend school again part-time, with modifications in place to continue to promote health and safety for students and staff.

During Hybrid Learning, Distance Learning with Support Services will continue to be the main form of instruction. In addition, a schedule will be developed for students to attend in person classes in small groups. Some students will be participating in Distance Learning while other students will be participating in some in person instruction.

Hybrid Learning may include, but is not limited to, the opportunity for certain grade levels to come into the school on specific days/times for in person instruction, staggered start/end times and/or some small group activities (with masks and social distancing).

Parents will still be required to let the school know the Friday before if their child will participate at school during the following week.

(MINIMAL-TRADITIONAL) In Building Learning (Date to be announced):

In Building Learning will be considered by the Academy Adventures Midtown School Board when benchmarks set by ADHS for ***Safely Returning to In Person Instruction***

are met. Once the specific benchmarks are met, ADHS states that there is minimal community spread and safe for in person instruction to begin in schools.

This transition will be a slow process and will include all the safety precautions listed in Distance Learning with Support Services. However, the major difference will be in person instruction for those families who choose to have their child at the school. Distance Learning will still be an option for those families who do not feel comfortable with sending their child to school. However, the schedule will look different than the Distance Learning plan based on how many students are participating.

Continued emphasis on social distancing, handwashing and cleaning/sanitizing high touch areas will be an emphasis to ensure continued health and safety of students and staff.

(INTERMITTENT) Emergency Closure:

In the event that state and/or local authorities declare an Emergency Closure, Academy Adventures Midtown will be prepared to provide students with Distance Learning and no interruption of the curriculum.

Emergency Closure will last as long as state and/or local authorities dictate.

Face Mask Requirement:

All students and staff will be required to wear a cloth face mask while at the school. Any visitor and/or volunteers will also be required to wear a mask while in the building. This is not an option but a requirement that will be enforced for the health and safety of all individuals.

Confirmed Covid-19 Case:

If Academy Adventures Midtown has a confirmed case of Covid-19, school administration will be in close contact with local authorities and follow all recommendations they set forth to ensure everyone's health and safety.

ADDENDUM 3-4-2021

Based on the Governor's Executive Order 2021-04, Academy Adventures Midtown will begin In-Person, Teacher-Led Instruction beginning Monday, March 22, 2021, right after Spring Break.

Although the Arizona Department of Health Services deems that Pima County is still in a "Substantial" state of transmission, Executive Order 2021-04 supersedes the benchmark guidelines in place requiring Academy Adventures Midtown to return to in-person, teacher-led instruction after Spring Break. A distance learning program will be available for families who are not ready for their child to be on campus.

Parents were informed of this change to instruction on March 4, 2021, via Class Dojo and REMIND with a follow up letter on March 8, 2021.

Academy Adventures Midtown will follow recommendations by the CDC to ensure the health and safety of staff and students. Everyone in the building will be required to wear a face mask, frequent handwashing, and social distance. In addition, frequently touched areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.