



Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Ignite Achievement Academy at Elder Diggs Community:

Greetings families. As we all continue to carefully monitor the public health crisis that has changed our world since December 2019; like all schools, Ignite Achievement Academy is actively preparing for possible scenarios that will impact the way education takes place this Fall. As you may be aware, based on guidance from the Marion County Health Department (MCHD), all Marion County traditional and charter schools have been cleared to begin the school year at their regular start dates. Schools will provide options for students in either the physical school setting, or an online-eLearning option for those that are uncomfortable with returning to face-to-face learning at this time.

Ignite will be returning to school on Aug 3rd; however, our specific plan to return to school in the fall will differ slightly from IPS based on the specifics of the Diggs School community. Because of information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), National Institute of Health (NIH) and the MCHD, Black and urban communities may be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. In order to allow health and state officials more time to study the impact of Phase 5 reopening within Indianapolis and throughout the country, families will have the option for face-to-face learning at the physical school setting or online learning "eLearning." For families that do not make a specific choice for in-person learning, the default setting will be an online eLearning setting. However, if parents choose an in-person option, masks will be required, and parents must specifically choose this option. Our goal is to help lower the risk in our community until experts have a better understanding of the impact of the Phase 5 reopening of the city. By Friday, September 4th, we hope to have more clear information regarding the public health concern across America in general, and specifically here on the Near West Side. This approach will help Ignite exercise an abundance of health caution.

We anticipate sharing more details with families regarding the steps we must take for families requesting instruction in the physical school setting by early July after the Marion County Public Health Department finalizes their guidance to us, which will include procedures for:

- Symptom screening, identifying, reporting, and tracking cases
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Cloth facial coverings and masks or face shields
- Social distancing
- Student health and safety
- Bus transportation

For any questions, comments or concerns, please email info@igniteindy.org or call 317.266.4242. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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