



Greetings SIATech Students and Families –

March 30, 2021

The past year has been one of the most difficult for all of us, but fortunately we are beginning to see positive developments all around us. I am writing to you today to let you know that SIATech Schools will be reopening our school sites for in-person learning over the next several weeks. We are using a gradual approach to returning to in-person by incrementally increasing the number of staff at our schools over time, with the goal of having all staff working in-person at their school, by no later than **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

To insure that our return to in-person learning happens safely and in accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health and safety guidelines, each school is developing a detailed plan to keep all students and staff at least 6 feet apart at all times.

As part of this detailed plan, your student's school may use a modified teacher/student schedule to keep the teacher-to-student ratios at a level that will allow the school to maintain proper social-distancing in the classroom.

In addition, all persons – students, staff and community members - arriving at SIATech schools will be subject to the following COVID-19 health screening protocol questions:

1. Within the last 14 days have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming that you have the virus?
2. In the last 14 days, have you cared for or had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19?
3. Have you had any one or more of these symptoms today or within the past three days?
  - Fever (100.4° or higher) or chills
  - Cough
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
4. Have you had any one or more of these symptoms today or within the past three days and that are not new or explained by another reason.
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

***Any person answering "Yes" to any one of these questions will not be allowed to enter the school facility.***

We are also asking all staff and students to complete this screening at home themselves prior to leaving for school, and not come to school if they exhibit any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19.

We are deeply committed to keeping all students, staff and community members safe at SIATech Schools.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school site with any questions you may have, or you may also contact us at [info@siatech.org](mailto:info@siatech.org) or email me directly at [Terrance.Mims@siatech.org](mailto:Terrance.Mims@siatech.org).

Sincerely,

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