

Empower Children's Academy

Reopening Plan Highlights

Public Meetings

Empower Children's Academy is holding parent informational meetings to provide an overview of our school's reopening plans for the start of the 2020-21 year and to answer parents' questions. The meetings will be held on August 17 at 9:30 a.m., August 18 at 2:30 p.m. and August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Here is the link for the 8-17 @ 9:30 a.m. meeting

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meet.google.com/uag-dcnv-cwd

[Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 843-940-8792

PIN: 415 675 669#

Here is the link for the 8-18 @ 2:30 pm meeting

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meet.google.com/toh-poaq-yez

Up to 250 participants

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/toh-poaq-yez

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 225-424-8546

PIN: 910 481 989#

Here is the link for the 8-19 @ 7 pm meeting

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meet.google.com/gpx-qiqh-xgj · Up to 250 participants

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/gpx-qiqh-xgj

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 857-529-7008

PIN: 966 561 508#

All Staff are invited to a meeting on August 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Empower Children's Academy's Reopening Plan is on the Agenda. Staff are directed to review the plan, and come to the meeting with their ideas, concerns, thoughts etc. about the plan.

Remote Learning

Students will access programming remotely, utilizing a variety of virtual mediums, including, but not limited to: Google Classroom, Zoom videoconferencing, and/or postal delivered packet instruction. Empower Children's Academy (ECA) may work with the child's school district to ensure that all students have access to high speed internet and have the requisite equipment needed to engage in virtual instruction. A schedule of live, virtual instruction and/or parental support will be established with a goal of achieving at minimum of one contact per day per student/family, based on student/family preference. Instructional activities will be congruent with the goals established through the CPSE process and found in each student's IEP. Any/all instructions for intended activities will be written in the such a manner that each parent will be able to understand what the expected outcome is, how to best engage their child, and what to do in the event that they get stuck or cannot complete the activity. There will be on-going communication with the parent/guardian to assess progress and what modifications/accommodations are needed to better facilitate student learning. Students will participate in tele-therapy remotely to receive IEP indicated therapeutic services in a manner per family preference. ECA will limit the number of personnel physically working in program, maximizing staff working remotely, to follow the social distancing guidelines.

Testing

In the event a student does not pass the temperature check or is found to have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the parents will be instructed on all criteria that **MUST** be met prior to their child returning to program. Minimal criteria for returning would be documentation of evaluation by a healthcare provider, clearing the child to return to school, a negative COVID-19 test and symptoms resolution. If COVID-19 positive, the Department of Health or the child's primary healthcare provider would need to release the child back to school.

Empower Children's Academy has implemented daily temperature checks and COVID19 screenings for ALL staff prior to the start of the workday. Staff will be asked to complete the Office of Children and Family Services form (OCFS-6040), Childcare employee, Volunteer, Parent, Child and Essential visitors Health Screening One-time Attestation. (Form attached) The screenings will be completed according to CDC guidelines. Any staff who are ill, running a temperature >100.0°F or fail the COVID-19 screening questions will be assessed by the school RN. If RN is not available, they will be sent home immediately until they meet all required criteria to return. All staff will be required to follow up with their/a health care provider prior to their return. Staff must be symptom free and must have been fever-free for at least 72 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, prior to their return. If a staff member is tested for COVID19, as a result of displaying symptoms, they will need a note from the Department of Health releasing them back to work.

Contact Tracing

The Director of Program Operations and Quality Assurance Administration will notify state and local health departments of any child or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19. Empower Children's Academy will cooperate with the Niagara County Department of Health on contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts, such as employees or students who had close contact with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.