

SMA Dormitory Plan

SMA is striving to provide the safest and best solution for our resident students and boarding staff. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this unforeseen time. I am confident together we can make this work. You will soon receive the academic plan that is in place until April 5, 2020. All academic questions will be addressed in that communication from the Academy Dean. If you need to return to campus to retrieve any of your student's belongings, we will provide a safe opportunity for you to do that. Please email the Dean of Residential Life at guentherc@smabears.org to make those arrangements.

Resident students will be allowed back on campus on Sunday, March 22, 2020, between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4:00 pm unless transportation is provided by SMA and pre-arranged. We are encouraging any student who can continue distance learning from home to please do so. We realize this may cause difficulties for your family, but we appreciate your cooperation. If your student needs medications from the Health Center, we can send them via UPS. Please email the Health Center at healthcenter@smabears.org to request your medications.

For those students returning to campus, we will be moving into a closed campus, which means students will only be allowed to be checked out by their parents/guardians. All students currently on a Spring Break home stay will be brought back to campus on Sunday during the designated time. No day students or visitors will be allowed on campus. Additionally, there will be no off-campus trips until the Hays County regulations change.

Upon arrival to campus, students will stop at the medical tent which will be placed outside the gate to the campus. All students will be assessed by an SMA nurse to make sure the student does not have a fever before they will be allowed to enter the campus. If a student has a fever, they will not be allowed on campus. Once the student has been cleared by the SMA nurse, they will be allowed to enter the dormitories.

The boarding staff will work around the clock to assure that your student is safe and well cared for, with all safety protocols in place. The dining service will continue to serve all 3 meals during this time.

The Health Center will maintain normal operating hours, and students on campus will be checked for fever twice a day by the nurse in an effort to continue the safety of the students and staff. All medical appointments will be postponed and rescheduled. We are also preparing isolation and quarantine rooms in the event we will need to isolate or quarantine any students.

We are asking that all parents/guardians please contact their Boarding Director via email with your plan by Thursday, March 19, 2020. This will allow us to make the necessary preparations.

We will continue to provide updates to all boarding parents/guardians, as we will continue to closely monitor the situation. The SMA COVID-19 web page will be maintained and provide you with current information at <https://www.smabears.org/covid-19-info>. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this time. Please contact the Dean of Residential Life for further questions: guentherc@smabears.org.