

# SMA Re-opening Plan

## For Fall Semester



### Re-opening Plan for Dining Services During COVID-19

First and foremost, the Sodexo Dining team has the health and SAFETY of everyone as our top priority for the 2020-21 school year. The dining team, led by Jimmy Medina, will conduct on-going training courses for all employees so they can operate under the safest conditions available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The dining team will screen daily all employees, helpers, delivery personnel, etc. for symptoms, exposure, and body temperature. If an employee fails any screening requirements (e.g., reports COVID-19 symptoms such as shortness of breath, cough, loss of smell or taste, chills, sore throat or muscle pain) or registers a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or more (or other required threshold), the employee will be sent home.

Due to the circumstances COVID-19 has created, Sodexo will make the following changes to our services for the Fall Semester:

#### LOWER SCHOOL

Sodexo plans to deliver meals to the Lower School classrooms this fall. This will keep the students in a cohort grouping and eliminate traveling to and from the dining hall. Sodexo and SMA have agreed on a system to send out menus in advance to all parents so they may review and select lunch items for their child. Each meal will have the option of a hot food entrée or a sandwich as well as a beverage and appropriate side items. A student may choose to bring his or her own lunch from home, but meal tuition will still be charged. Sodexo and SMA ask families who plan to send a meal with the student to please be mindful of other students with allergies or sensitivities (peanut or gluten, for example) so we all may avoid any potential allergic reactions.

#### MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL as well as FACULTY & STAFF

- Meal service for all middle & upper school, faculty and staff will be in the SMA dining hall.
- Students will practice social distancing as they come through the lines.
- Identical serving lines will be set up to ensure social distancing and speed of service.
- Two entrée options will be served as normal on the hot lines, along with a daily sandwich option.
- Our exhibition station will now turn into our cold option station (salad, deli, etc.) with everything pre-packaged.
- Keep in mind that all self-service is no longer available, but pre-made soups and salads will be available.
- Dessert station will have pre-packaged items for customers to enjoy.
- All drink stations will no longer be self-serve. A Sodexo employee will serve drinks out of each station.
- The dining hall will be set up with limited seats at each table to continue the practice of social distancing.

Sodexo and the SMA Student Life Department plan to provide special event meals for boarding students and will implement new options for weekend meals. For example, pizza parties, video game competitions, and themed dinner meals will be hosted in the dining hall throughout the semester. Our goal is to incorporate student ideas and thoughts as well, so if you have a student who would like to be part of the "Campus Food Committee," please contact Mr. Medina. For additional information or questions, contact Jimmy Medina at [medinaj@smabears.org](mailto:medinaj@smabears.org) or 512-753-8075.