



SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

A Message to the SCA Community

Dear SCA Families,

The safety of our families, students, and teachers at SCA remains our first priority. As you are aware, there is a heightened awareness related to COVID-19 (the Novel Coronavirus) which we continue to monitor closely through the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH), and the World Health Organization (WHO). We will continue to take a proactive approach to keep our community healthy. As a follow up to our last email, this letter serves to keep you informed.

There continue to be no confirmed cases reported at SCA or with anyone related to the SCA community. SCA has contingency plans for your students in the unlikely event that our campus was to be impacted by any school closures in Maricopa County or other related outcomes due to this virus. At this time, it does not appear that this will be the case.

We are being informed the likelihood remains low that the MCDPH would recommend closing schools. In the unlikely chance that MCDPH does recommend this due to a COVID-19 outbreak, or if we were to have a case related to SCA, parents should have a contingency plan in place for who could take care of their children.

There are many things we can all be a part of to prevent the spread of *any* virus, as it is the general flu season as well:

- In our facilities, we have increased the cleansing and disinfecting process within our highly trafficked areas and classrooms, high touch surface areas such as doorknobs, and are giving special attention to our classrooms.
- It is our policy that students and staff should stay home if they have a fever (defined as a temperature of 100 degrees or above) and should not return to campus until they are **fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of any fever-reducing medication.**
- In support of your health and hygiene, we have hand sanitizing applications throughout our classrooms and campus.
- We encourage you to remind your children of some best practices, such as:
 - How to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - How to properly cover their coughs or sneezes.
 - How to avoid touching their faces.
 - Encouraging sufficient sleep, drinking plenty of fluids, and eating nutritious foods.
- Our recent mission trips, now completed with all students home safe, were not to any locations that had travel advisories by the CDC. If your family has any specific travel plans to international areas that are of high risk, you can conveniently notify the school [here](#) or visit scottsdalechristian.org/travel-plans. This information can be helpful in the event we have to deal with any specific cases. It is a precaution that could assist us in the future and will not be used for any other purpose. Also, if you have traveled to China, South Korea, Italy or Japan, we ask that you please keep your children home for 14 calendar days before returning to school, and notify us of that via the same link above. As a reminder, the CDC has published [guidance regarding travel](#). We will continue to monitor the situation to assess future SCA group travel decisions.
- In the event an outbreak would touch us, we would follow the direction of the health departments. Though unlikely, were this to occur we are

working through scenarios and related possible actions such as relaxing attendance policies during a specifically required quarantine.

- Communication with our parents and faculty is a key component of our planning.

Prayer is powerful, and God is our source of comfort and care. Join us in praying for the people and regions affected, and for the protection of our nation, community, and school. We remind you again that **there continue to be no confirmed cases reported at SCA or with anyone related to the SCA community.**

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



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