



# SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

October 24, 2020

Dear SCA Community,

Today, we were informed that two of our devoted Preschool/Pre-K teachers tested positive for COVID-19. We wanted you to be informed and aware of our next steps. The teachers received the positive result today, October 24.

Our community was minimally exposed to these teachers over the last few days, except for the Preschool/Pre-K classes. Preschool/Pre-K teachers and aides, along with those considered exposed, will be following our protocols before returning to campus. The preschool students will also need to quarantine and have been separately contacted with more specific directions.

A few important points for you to be aware of:

- The teachers have exhibited either no or minor symptoms.
- All PK/PS teachers and aides are being tested and quarantined at home and will return once the appropriate number of days has passed.
- All PK/PS students are being quarantined as well. Testing is recommended.
- We are working directly with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) to identify any close contacts of potential exposure beyond the PK/PS classes (defined basically as being within 6 feet of someone for more than 10 consecutive minutes).
- If we receive information to suggest your student may have had a prolonged exposure as defined, you will receive follow-up communication from us or MCDPH as soon as that information becomes available.
- If your child is asymptomatic, has not been contacted by us as a possible exposure, there is nothing you need to do.
- Please understand by law we are not permitted to share additional information (name, etc.)

SCA continues to monitor this closely and continues to provide all the safety, cleaning, and prevention procedures on campus. The safety of our staff and students remains our top priority, and we appreciate your unwavering prayer and support as we continue to navigate through this difficult time.

Thank you for your assistance. Because this is new information, we will reach out again if there are any further instructions we need to provide. As a reminder, always keep your child home if they display any symptoms of illness and notify the school. As a reminder, symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We must partner together. Any students or staff experiencing any of the symptoms above must stay home from school and consult a physician. The health and safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance, and together we can keep our campus as safe as possible. We will continue to implement procedures and protocols that help maintain the health and safety at SCA.

The teachers are doing very well. Please pray that it continues as only mild symptoms and that they will get through these next few days without any complications.

God Bless,

*Dr. Brent M. Hodges*