



Dear SCA Community,

To keep you informed of any standing cases, the following contains new information (see bullets below) as well as an update on previous information. This may not directly relate to you or your family, but to keep you informed below are the key points in bullet form. These relate only to current cases of SCA students, faculty, or staff. We have been very blessed to keep these to a minimum and appreciate your help to reduce your exposure outside of SCA.

As the weather begins to cool and Maricopa County is seeing an increase in cases, we ask that you continue to follow health protocols and keep all children home with any symptoms or signs of illness. Based on the size of our school, and in conversations with other schools, we have been very fortunate to keep our cases to a minimum with a few isolated cases.

Our [decision flow charts for quarantines and cases](#) can be found on pages 10 and 11 of our Return to School Plan document, which gets updated based on the most current recommendations from the CDC and Maricopa County Department of Public Health. You can find this document and its latest version on our website at any time. Please use [this link](#) to take you directly to it.

As previously mentioned, when a positive case is reported, we work directly with the County (representatives from the county assigned to us). Each decision about quarantines, whether individuals, sections, or other groups, as well as contact tracing, is made in partnership with them. We will continue to do this, and believe it is the most dependable and consistent way to handle each case. We will continue offering the RLO for those at higher risk, or those who prefer to learn from home. For all of those in person, we will continue to implement our health and safety protocols that have been shown to be effective in keeping SCA safe. While we realize many would like to see masks eased up and restrictions lightened, the protocols have been effective, and we need to continue in this manner. You can see our mask protocols in the [same link as above](#) on pages 12-14. We do not intend to lighten restrictions while numbers have been increasing in the county. In addition, the negative impact on children with school closures is important to acknowledge, and thus our focus to keep our school safe and open for your children is important.

We have been blessed with a lull in cases over the last two weeks.

New case:

- Over the weekend a middle school teacher's assistant ("Teacher in Training") who had limited exposure and limited periods on our campus tested positive. Due to the nature of her time on campus within PE classes, and in conversations with MCDPH, there was very limited exposure. All of those related to these classes were contacted over the weekend.

All other previous cases have either returned from quarantine or are returning this week except for the 4th-grade student, who will return from quarantine the following week.

These are all the current standing cases at SCA. When we are notified of anyone “exposed” outside of SCA, they are quarantined based on our protocols and guidance from the County. We apologize for the repetitive nature of this information but wish to keep you informed.

Our safety protocols, health procedures, and mask requirements will continue to be in place (which you can also find in our Return to School Plan document on the website). Thank you for continuing to support the safety of our campus by reducing exposure outside of your home to all extents possible and supporting the protocols we have in place. Even in these challenging times, and perhaps especially in these challenging times, we are so blessed to be a part of this amazing community of Christ-followers, united in spirit.

May God continue to bless you and your families!