



SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Dear SCA Community,

To keep you informed of any standing cases, the following contains new information as well as an update on previous information. This may not directly relate to you or your family but is an effort to keep you informed. **While much of this content is repetitive, please see bullets below for anything new related to cases.** 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.

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. 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.

Current information:

- *New: A Pre-K Teacher's Aide has tested positive. She and anyone exposed will quarantine and return on December 1.*
- Middle School Teacher's Assistant ("Teacher in Training") will return from quarantine on November 30.
- 4th-grade student will return from quarantine on November 30.

All other previous cases have returned from quarantine. 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!