



SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

November 4, 2020

To the SCA Community:

To keep you informed, we wanted to update everyone on some brief additional information regarding the email update sent Monday evening (copied below):

Regarding the high school student, you were informed about Monday who tested positive and is in quarantine with her siblings, one of her siblings in quarantine with her has since tested positive. This student is in the 4th grade and those who were potentially exposed based on the timeline will be entering quarantine. Because this took place overnight, we took the overly cautious approach with who was to quarantine. We will be having conversations with Maricopa County Department of Health Services this morning to clarify who is deemed officially exposed and the quarantine period. The individuals this affects were contacted overnight and are being followed up with today. This affects a 4th grade homeroom, and individuals in aftercare, who have all been contacted. Please see below for more details from Monday's email.

Blessings

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 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.

As previously mentioned, when a positive case is reported, we work directly with MCDHS (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 cases:

- Pre-K and Preschool Teacher case:
 - The teachers and any others on quarantine for exposure will return on November 9.
- Kindergarten Student:
 - The student and the sibling of the student who later tested positive can return on November 9. An older sibling (has not tested positive) still in quarantine.
- High School:
 - The quarantine related to the high school student previously mentioned and those considered exposed has ended and they have returned to campus.
 - We were informed on Monday afternoon that a high school student had tested positive. This student had not been on campus since Thursday. We have determined in counsel with MCDHS and based on the timing of her first symptoms who may have had defined exposure, and they are being contacted. This student and those exposed will be quarantined for 14 days from symptoms and those exposed 14 days from the last contact.

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 MCDHS. We apologize for the repetitive nature of some of the information but wish to keep you informed.

Our safety protocols, health procedures, and mask requirements will continue to be in place. 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!