



In an effort 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.

We ask that you continue to follow health protocols and keep all children home with any symptoms, signs of illness, or if they have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. We ask that everyone respectfully and graciously comply as we all work together to do all we can to keep our campus safe and open.

When a positive case is reported, we work directly with the County (representatives from the county assigned to us). *We are aware of the updated national CDC recommendations. The CDC specifically states that "local public health authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last in the communities they serve."* In conversations with the County, we do anticipate they will follow and update their quarantine recommendations in the near future. We will notify any of those exposed as to their approved return dates. 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 on quarantine. 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.

Information on current cases at SCA (some contracted over Thanksgiving):

- Elementary and Pre-Elementary: Two children from the same family, one in Pre-K and one in Pre-School, return date being assessed.
- Middle School: 8<sup>th</sup> Grader returning 12/16.
- High School: Four students: One 11<sup>th</sup> grader returning 12/5 and one 11<sup>th</sup> grader whose date is being determined. Two 12<sup>th</sup> graders returning 12/7.
- Faculty/Staff: Kindergarten teacher returning 12/7.

*\*All of those considered exposed have been quarantined and are aware of their approved return date.*

These are all of the current standing cases at SCA. All other previous cases have returned from quarantine. 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, and may we get through these times united and together in Christ!