



Dear SCA Community,

Good morning everyone. We continue to see great improvements in COVID-related metrics and are very optimistic! We have already been able to increase several activities and gatherings on campus as you may have noticed, with more on the horizon. This has been refreshing. We will continue to monitor the metrics and are hopeful to have more specific relaxation of some of the restrictions once we return from Spring Break with the continued improvement in the cases. Again, we do this gradually, cautiously, and measured. This, of course, is contingent on the ongoing and anticipated improvement with the metrics, as well as an understanding that we may need to return to any safety measures were we to have another significant spike. Please also be aware that our extra cleaning measures will continue. We are very optimistic, and you will hear from us prior to returning from Spring Break of any potential but gradual changes.

I also want to thank our community for how supportive you have been through a trying time. While we are getting closer to where we want to be, it is through times like these (a pandemic of all things) that a community can either become divisive or rally together. I have personally seen other schools experience this divisiveness. Divisiveness in a Christian community is the devil's playground and an attractive entry for him. SCA is a special place, one where we come together as a community during joyful times and hard times. Thank you all for keeping Christ at the center, for not allowing divisiveness to enter this community during a time where that would be easy to do, and for being such a strong mission-focused community! It is refreshing and I am so proud to be a part of this mission field. We will keep you informed of any additional changes as they occur.

(The information below will be updated and sent weekly unless there are no new cases.)

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 the 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 complies 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). 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 in 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:

- Pre-Elementary: No current cases.
- Elementary School: One current case returning March 2.
- Middle School: No current cases.
- High School: No current cases.

**All of those considered exposed have been quarantined and are aware of their approved return date. Students exposed are now able to return sooner (after only 7 days of quarantine) if they submit a negative test to the nurse under the new CDC guidelines.*

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. 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!