



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Families,

The first weeks of the new semester have brought some anticipated cases of COVID to campus. Since January 13th, we have identified four cases in 8th and 10th grade and currently, one staff member has also tested positive.

We have worked closely with Maricopa County Public Health and the Great Hearts Incident Command Center to identify close contacts of the individuals who have tested positive to prevent further spread of the disease. You would have already received a separate notification if you/your child were identified as having had close contact to a positive case. All close contacts of positive cases will be required to stay home from school (quarantine) for 7 or 10 days from the last exposure, according to MCDPH's [Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts](#).

A school outbreak of COVID-19 is defined as:

- Two or more students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period; and
 - Could have had some close contact such as in a classroom or on a school sports team;
 - Do not live in the same household; and
 - Were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during a Public Health case investigation (e.g. friends who play together in each other's homes).

COVID-19 is circulating in our community. At this time, two of our confirmed cases may place us in outbreak status, but we are awaiting some confirmation from the Health Department. The best way to keep you and your family safe from respiratory diseases like COVID-19 and the flu is to:

- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.
- Get a flu vaccine.

If you/your child or a family member is experiencing COVID-like symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, sore throat, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, muscle/body aches, and/or a new loss of taste or smell), do not attend work/school, and consider either seeking healthcare or getting a COVID-19 PCR or antigen test, depending on the severity of symptoms. Testing locations can be found by calling 2-1-1.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, our Academy COVID-19 Response Coordinator (Mr. Travis Clement), or our Health Coordinator (Ms. Cheryl McKinney). For questions related to COVID-19, please either email COVIDparent hotline@maricopa.gov or dial 2-1-1, select option 6 (for COVID-19), and then select option 3 (for the COVID Parent Hotline) or visit www.Maricopa.gov/COVID19.

Best wishes,

Alison Chaney

Alison Chaney, Headmaster