



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | ARETE

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## Close Contacts and Quarantining

The Maricopa County Department of Health defines a "close contact" as someone who has been within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for an accumulated time of 15 min or more over a period of 24 hours. Your child may be in a class with another student or teacher who tested positive in either their homeroom or one of their specials, or sat close to them at lunch, or during an intervention. If your child is a close contact, they will be required to quarantine for the next 14 days. Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.

**Here at Archway Arete, this means that your student may not come to campus and will not be able to participate in any school or extracurricular activities during this time.**

The CDC and Maricopa County Health Department (MCHD) both recommend that close contacts quarantine for a full 14-day period. This is because the COVID-19 virus can take anywhere from 5-14 days to incubate, so in compliance with this recommendation and to prevent any spread within our community we will require all close contacts to remain in quarantine until 14 days after the date of exposure.

While your student is in quarantine, their teachers will be reaching out to them so they can continue to provide the best education for each of your students. Please be on the lookout for an email from your student's teachers with information about what the next 10 days will look like.

As a reminder, it is important that we continue to monitor our students for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. You can see [this attachment](#) for a brief FAQ, which includes a short list of COVID-19 symptoms. If at any time your student shows symptoms, please notify the school nurse, and have your scholar tested. If you are not sure where to go to be tested, Great Hearts has partnered with Premier Lab Solutions. You can reach out to them by calling 602-441-2808. Please remember, though, that a negative test result will **not** allow your student to return to campus early.