

# Covid-19 Response Guidelines

In our pursuit of safety for our students, staff, and families, we have developed the following guidelines for the ministry. Please note that our decisions have been based on recommendations and advice of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other healthcare professionals. The latest recommendations from the CDC have been inserted below (all indented and italicized material):

*Accumulating evidence supports ending isolation and precautions for persons with COVID-19 using a symptom-based strategy. Specifically, researchers have reported that people with mild to moderate COVID-19 remain infectious no longer than 10 days after their symptoms began, and those with more severe illness or those who are severely immunocompromised remain infectious no longer than 20 days after their symptoms began. Therefore, CDC has updated the recommendations for discontinuing home isolation as follows:*

*Persons with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:*

- At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset **and***
- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and***
- Other symptoms have improved.*

## **School Guidelines for Covid-19 Positive or Symptomatic:**

- 1. Quarantine for 10 days from the onset of symptoms**
- 2. Remain quarantined until free of untreated fever for 24 hours**
- 3. Remain quarantined if other symptoms persist**

*Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. You should stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.*

### *What counts as close contact?*

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more*
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19*
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)*
- You shared eating or drinking utensils*
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you*

## **School Guideline for direct exposure (as defined by CDC above) to a Covid-19 positive patient:**

- 1. Quarantine for 14 days**

### **Additional Guidelines:**

1. EVERY person entering any school building will have their temperature taken and will not be allowed to enter if temperature exceeds CDC guidelines
2. Parents should keep their students at home if their student exhibits any symptoms listed by the CDC: *Fever, Cough, Nasal congestion, Sore throat, Shortness of breath, Diarrhea, Nausea or vomiting, Fatigue, Headache, Myalgia, Poor appetite*
3. Staff and Students should use hand sanitizer often (entering buildings, leaving scoring stations or restroom, etc)
4. Masks are to be worn during restroom breaks and other face-to-face interaction
5. Staff should honor the mask-wearing recommendation provided by each parent

6. Desk, table, and scoring station surfaces should be wiped down between Learning Center sessions
7. If a positive-tested student has attended school, the learning center affected will close for one day to be thoroughly cleaned. Any student within that Learning Center who has had “close contact” as defined by the CDC above, should be quarantined as directed by the CDC above.
8. The school will communicate to the school families when a known infected person has been present at school. While being transparent with infection information, and in keeping with HIPPA regulations, the school WILL NOT release the names of families or students who have tested positive.
9. Each staff and family member within the ministry is encouraged and expected to follow the Biblical admonition regarding prayer and support of the believers.

**James 5:16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**I Timothy 2:1** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men

**Galatians 6:2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**School academic procedures and Covid-19 response guidelines will be updated and adapted as needed.**

Resources obtained from the following CDC webpages:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html#:~:text=Persons%20with%20COVID%2D19%20who,of%20fever%2Dreducing%20medications%20and>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html>