# FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY COVID-19 POLICIES

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"

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# **COVID-19 POLICIES**

# RESPONSE TO A CONFIRMED CASE

When a teacher, staff member, or student *tests positive for COVID-19*, please immediately contact the school nurse, Melissa Green, at mgreen@fbacademy.com., or call the school and ask to speak to the nurse or a school administrator. Here is First Baptist Academy's step-by-step response to a confirmed positive case when an individual has been inside a building on campus within two days of testing positive for COVID-19:

- 1. Contact all FBA families and staff members via email to alert them of a positive case on campus. No names will be provided.
- 2. Send an additional email to parents with students in the same class as the individual who tested positive. In elementary school, parents of students in the same homeroom class will be notified. Middle and high school parents will be notified if their child is in the same grade level or extracurricular activity as the individual who tested positive. The appropriate teachers and staff members will also be notified. Entire classes will not be required to quarantine or test, but COVID testing will be available for anyone interested.
- 3. The individual with the confirmed case should provide a list of anyone associated with FBA who may have been in close contact, going back two days prior to testing positive. This includes those who ride in carpools with the individual who tested positive. Individuals with a confirmed case must be honest, open, and transparent about any potential exposure that has taken place inside or outside of school.
- 4. If any individuals associated with FBA may have been exposed to COVID-19, the school will notify them of the exposure, and if permission is granted by the individual with the positive case, the school will share the individual's name with individuals who may have been exposed. Any individual considered exposed must follow FBA's guidelines for returning to campus after potential exposure. All individuals involved must respect the privacy of one another and not disclose personal information.
- 5. FBA's contracted janitorial service company, City Wide of DFW, will be notified of the positive case so that focused cleaning on any necessary areas can take place.

- 6. Any individuals with a confirmed case of COVID-19, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or exposed to COVID-19 must follow all of the protocols outlined in the section "Return to School Protocols."
- 7. All negative test results and doctors' notes for any individuals returning to FBA's campus must be turned in to Nurse Green.

### CONFIRMED CASE OR SYMPTOMS WITHIN A HOUSEHOLD

When an individual in a student or staff member's household tests positive for COVID-19, please immediately contact the school nurse, Melissa Green, at mgreen@fbacademy.com, or call the school and ask to speak to the nurse or a school administrator. The school will *not* be contacting other FBA families if a *household member* not attending FBA tests positive for COVID-19, but the student or staff member living in the household must follow the required FBA protocols.

# RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS (CONFIRMED CASE, EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS, OR EXPOSURE)

## **CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19**

Teachers, staff, or students *testing positive* for COVID-19 must meet and document <u>all</u> of the following conditions before being permitted to return to the FBA campus:

- The individual must be symptom-free for at least 48 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- The individual must receive a negative test result on a COVID-19 test.
- FBA will offer to test the individual beginning five (5) days from the first positive COVID-19 test. The individual is welcome to take a home test before that time, but the school will provide and administer free tests once five days have passed.

# **EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

Teachers, staff, or students *exhibiting clear symptoms of* COVID-19 must meet and document the following conditions before being permitted to return to the FBA campus:

- The individual must receive a negative test result on an FDA-approved COVID-19 test
   AND
- The individual must be symptom-free for at least 48 hours without fever-reducing medication.
  - An individual testing positive on a COVID- 19 test must follow the protocols listed above under "Confirmed Case of COVID-19."
- If an individual is exhibiting symptoms but refuses to test for COVID, the individual must be symptom-free for at least 48 hours without fever-reducing medication and must obtain a note from a medical professional clearing the individual <u>based on an alternative diagnosis</u>. If the individual does not receive an alternative diagnosis and refuses to test for COVID, the individual can return to school seven (7) days from the onset of symptoms, if the individual has been symptom-free for at least 48 hours.
- If an individual has been diagnosed with non-contagious health issues or pre-existing conditions such as seasonal allergies, please send a doctor's note to Nurse Green at mgreen@fbacademy.com ahead of time explaining the details of the medical condition. This note will not preclude the individual from the requirements outlined above, but the information will allow the school to make an informed decision based on symptoms exhibited.

# **EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

Teachers, staff, or students who have no symptoms but have been exposed or in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or with someone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 are not required to test in most situations. However, FBA will provide and administer free tests to anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 and would like to test. If an individual has continuous exposure (continuing to live in the same household as an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19), the exposed individual must meet the following conditions:

- Exposed individuals living in the same household must:
  - Closely monitor symptoms daily.
  - Take reasonable measures to distance from the individual who tested positive.
  - Test daily while the individual in the household who has tested positive completes the protocols for a confirmed positive case. The exposed individual can continue attending school as long as the daily test result is negative. Once the individual in the household who has tested positive has been cleared based

- on FBA's COVID-19 protocols, the exposed individual does not have to take any more COVID-19 tests.
- Exposed individuals who refuse to test when an individual in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 cannot return until the individual with the positive case in the household has been cleared based on FBA's COVID-19 protocols.
  - Example: If a parent tests positive, the student can continue coming to school each day with a daily negative COVID-19 test result. If the student will not test, the student cannot return to school until the parent with the positive case receives a negative test result.

# **SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees
- Sore throat
- > Headache
- Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough
- > Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- > Fatigue
- > Chills, shaking, or exaggerated shivering
- > Significant muscle pain or ache
- > Rash of unknown origin