



ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | GLENDALE A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

September 16, 2020

Dear Archway Glendale Faculty and Families:

I am writing to you as a follow-up to the communication that I sent on Monday related to an employee and a student testing positive for COVID-19. A subsequent test on the employee had a negative result, but because the first test was positive, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) considers these two cases to be related and requires us to notify you that these two cases have been identified as an outbreak. When we use the word “outbreak”, according to the MCDPH, it means that there are two separate cases in one community within 14 days of each other who do not live in the same household and where there is no likely source of exposure outside of the school. There are presently no other positive cases in the building of which we are aware.

Although the tests of the employee were conflicting, out of an abundance of caution, we are following the guidance issued by MCDPH in notifying you, and we have asked the employee to get a third test. Both the employee and the entire class were notified to quarantine on Monday and will not be returning to school until Friday, Sept. 25, since last contact was Sept. 11.

Public Health is working closely with administration and staff to identify persons who are ill and prevent further spread of the disease.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a virus that had not been previously identified. People with COVID-19 can have a range of symptoms from a mild cold-illness to severe pneumonia. **Symptoms of COVID-19 include: 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.**

How is it spread?

COVID-19 spreads most commonly in the same way as the common cold or flu — through respiratory droplets that are produced when someone coughs or sneezes. We do not think that COVID-19 spreads through the air across the room, and it is easily cleaned off of surfaces using routine disinfectants.

Am I at risk?

People who are most at risk are those who have been in close contact (within 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes) with someone who has the infection. Those scholars and faculty members were notified on Monday and asked to quarantine. Individuals 65 years and older, and those with chronic medical conditions, are at higher risk of complications from the illness.

What do I do next? Can I get tested for COVID-19?

If you're experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms consistent with COVID-19, believe you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or think you should be tested for COVID-19, you can work with your healthcare provider to get tested or look for an independent testing site. You can visit www.maricopa.gov/covid19testing

or call the Arizona COVID-19 hotline at 844-542-8201 for more information about testing options and availability in your area or you can contact our partners, Premiere Lab Solutions to book an appointment.

Archway Glendale is working closely with Maricopa County Department of Public Health to stop COVID-19 from spreading in our school. This includes reminding staff and attendees to stay home when they are sick, encouraging students to wear their masks, and requiring all faculty and staff to remain socially distant from each other. We have already disinfected all areas where the student or faculty member were located, and we are quarantining the students in that class. Those students will continue to learn as their teacher teaches them remotely.

If you have additional questions or concerns, we ask that you contact Sara Swinford for more information. Additional information also can be found at [Maricopa.gov/Covid19](https://www.maricopa.gov/Covid19).

Sincerely,

Jack Kersting
Headmaster