



Dear Archway Glendale Families,

As Mr. Twist shared in his [communication](#) on Wednesday, November 18, all Archway Glendale students will participate in Distance Learning from Monday, November 30 through Wednesday, December 2, 2020. **This means that ALL Brick and Mortar students will be distance learning for three days from Monday, November 30 – Wednesday, December 2.** Brick and Mortar learning will resume on Thursday, December 3, 2020.

I am following up with you to share what these three days will look like for Archway Glendale. We understand that this situation may come as an inconvenience to your family. We are sorry for that, but we are working to be as proactive around the health and safety of our community as possible. We believe that this measure, as well as all the other protocols and procedures that we have in place, though not a guarantee, will help to keep our communities open for Brick and Mortar learning. We appreciate your complete cooperation.

From November 30 through December 2, Distance Learning at Archway Glendale may look different for all students. **To prepare for these three days, each Brick and Mortar student will receive a homework assignment the week of 11/23.** The assignment will be to log onto their Google Classroom to locate the schedules and links and submit an assignment verifying that your student is ready. If you have any difficulty, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure that your family is ready for Distance Learning by 11/30.

If your student will need a Chromebook to participate in Distance Learning, please contact [Krissy McDonough](#) by Monday, 11/23.

If you do not have care for your student over these three days, we will have an on-campus support option for students from 7 am to 2:45 pm. Please click this [link](#) to reserve a spot for the days your student needs care. **The deadline to reserve spots is Tuesday, 11/24.** Please understand that we cannot guarantee a totally risk-free environment, but the on-campus support will follow the same COVID-19 mitigation protocols used during the school day.

As a reminder, on Thursday, December 3, please **DO NOT** send your students back to school if:

1. Anyone they have been in contact with has tested positive for COVID-19. Students should quarantine for 14 days from last contact.
2. They have been tested for COVID-19 and are waiting for test results. Students can return after receiving a negative result.
3. Someone in their household has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for test results. Students can return after receiving a negative result.
4. They have any symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever (>100.0°F), cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, sore throat, headache, muscle/body aches, runny nose or congestion, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or a new loss of taste or smell. Students may return when symptoms are gone, if they have a doctor's note, or have received a negative COVID-19 test result.
5. They have traveled internationally. Students can return 14 days from return date or after receiving a negative COVID-19 test five or more days after their return.



I have also made sure to include a list of FAQs below for your review. I appreciate your continued cooperation and partnership as we work to keep our school as healthy and safe as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our COVID-19 Coordinator, [Sara Swinford](#).

Sincerely,
Jack Kersting
Headmaster

What should I do if I find out that someone we were around over the holidays has tested positive for COVID-19?

You and your family should get tested. Even if your results are negative, you should still stay home for 14 days from the time you were last in contact with the person who tested positive. Anytime during those 14 days you could still have a positive result. Watch for symptoms – fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, body aches, diarrhea. Stay away from vulnerable people.

If my child is a close contact of someone who tested positive, but my child's test results are negative, why does my child need to remain out of school for the full 14 days?

The virus can incubate in the body for 1-14 days before it starts to shed. A person will not test positive until that shedding starts. So, they may be negative on day 3, but positive on day 13.

What should we do if we travelled by air internationally over the break?

Our policy requires you to quarantine for 14 days from the day that you return to the United States or to get a negative test result 5 days after you return.

Do I have to quarantine if I travel domestically?

Our policy does not require you to quarantine if you travel domestically, but the CDC and several states recommend that you stay home for 14 days after travelling. If you choose to stay home after travelling, your school will provide your student with learning materials and will not mark your child unexcused if you are back in Arizona for those 14 days.

If my student gets tested, can they return to school?

Students should always stay home while waiting for their test results. It is also a good idea to stay home while someone in the household is waiting test results just in case. There is only one situation that will allow a student to return to school and that is only if they were not a close contact of someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days and their test is negative.

How is it determined that my child is a close contact?

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. This is with or without a mask, indoors or outdoors.

What does quarantine mean?

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. They should not participate in any group activities such as school, sports, meetings, or social gatherings, as well as attend events with others.

Do I need to keep my other children home?

No, if... No one in your household has tested positive for COVID-19. When you have one child who is considered a close contact, your other child(ren) and family members at home would be considered a “close contact of a close contact” and they do not have to quarantine.

They can come to school. They personally have not been exposed to someone with COVID. If your quarantined child should start to exhibit symptoms then that child should be tested and if positive, other family members would also then need to quarantine. Additionally, if your quarantined child develops symptoms, keep all other siblings home pending the results of the COVID-19 test.

Yes, if... It is a member of your household who has tested positive for COVID-19. All other family members would be considered close contacts and would need to quarantine for a full 14-day period and longer if they are unable to isolate from one another. See CDC guidelines [here](#).

Am I at risk?

People who are most at risk are those who have been in close contact (within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with someone who has the infection. According to CDC, risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age and even more so for those who are immune-suppressed or have underlying health conditions such as heart, kidney or lung disease, obesity, or diabetes.

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

People who have been exposed to COVID-19 are at risk of becoming ill for up to 14 days after the exposure. If you haven’t developed symptoms by that time, you are unlikely to develop symptoms from this exposure. Should you wish for you or your child to be tested, you can access a list of testing sites [here](#).