



Phoenix Christian
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

March 12, 2020

Phoenix Christian Family,

The safety of our students is our first priority. Phoenix Christian is determining contingency plans as we closely monitor circumstances. We will keep you informed. Today at 2:00 pm there was a teleconference for schools with Governor Ducey, Superintendent of Public Instruction Hoffman, and Department of Health Services Director Dr. Cara Christ.

"At this time, **school closures are not recommended by the Arizona Department of Health Services or any county Department of Public Health**" as student populations (resulting from school closures) will disperse into a variety of diversified and potentially at-risk environments.

Based on state and federal recommendations, Phoenix Christian is pursuing the following:

- Students and staff who are ill (with any fever), especially with respiratory symptoms will stay at home for **at least 48 hours** after the fever has ceased without medication.
- Phoenix Christian's Health Services will remain vigilant in our careful watch on student health concerns and swift communication with parents/guardians.
- Phoenix Christian will pursue increased routine daily cleaning and disinfecting of all school facilities.
- Phoenix Christian will ensure hand sanitizer, soap, paper towels, and facial tissues are widely available in school facilities.
- Phoenix Christian will remind students and staff to cover their coughs and sneezes with a facial tissue or elbow (not in hands).
- Phoenix Christian encourages parents/guardians to have a plan to designate a caregiver for sick children or in the unlikely event of school closure.
- Phoenix Christian will continually communicate with families via FACTS Communication Email and posting all communication on <http://www.phoenixchristian.org/parents/>
- Phoenix Christian is daily reviewing plans for public athletic events. We will remain in close contact.

[Maricopa County Department of Public Health letter guiding awareness and preparedness](#) .
[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

It is also important to re-affirm that students and staff should remain at home if they have any fever and should not return to campus until they have been fever-free for 48 hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medication).

If you or your student plans to travel outside the United States prior to May 28, 2020 please inform Mrs. VanderNaalt cvandernaalt@phoenixchristian.org or 602.265.4707 extension 230. A member of our Admin Team will contact you. We are implementing a 2-week quarantine for those students or students with family members traveling to any affected country. At this point nearly all travel outside the United States by Phoenix Christian families or students has been cancelled. We are grateful for the transparent communication and response.

We are committed to keeping you informed and prepared.

We continue to place our trust in our Almighty God. We encourage you to follow the important hygiene recommendations and will continue to update you as this progresses. You can always find updates specific to Phoenix Christian and resources specific to COVID-19 on our website at <http://www.phoenixchristian.org/parents/>.

With prayer,

Jeff Blake, MaEd, MaSFL

Superintendent

Phoenix Christian Preparatory School

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JEFF BLAKE". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "B".