

December 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have two Preschool staff members who have tested positive for Covid-19. Out of an abundance of caution our administration has decided to close the Preschool starting TOMORROW, Thursday Dec. 17th through Monday, Jan 4th.

Due to the broad contact these staff members have we have determined that students in the 2's, 3's and both PreK classes have had *potential* exposure based on information we received from the staff members.

We understand that this news may cause you concern. Phoenix Christian is committed to implementing measures to protect families and staff from exposure to COVID-19 and to make sure you have all the information you need to make informed decisions about your health.

The definition of exposure is an individual who is masked or unmasked who comes into contact or less than 6 feet for a cumulative time of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period with an individual who is contagious. An individual can be contagious up to 2 days prior to symptoms.

According to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, an individual who has potentially been exposed, needs to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days OR receive a negative Covid-19 test result. If the individual tests negative, they may return to school/work if they wear a mask and maintain physical distancing.

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 have not developed symptoms by that time, you are unlikely to develop symptoms from this exposure.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever (>100.4°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.

If you feel the need, see your healthcare provider and/or get tested. If you are not sure where to go to be tested, please call 2-1-1 for more information. We have attached a list of places where your child and you could be tested.

https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-testing

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Any tuition paid for the 17th, 18th, 21st-23rd will be credited to your January invoice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Preschool office at (602) 265-7728 or via email at the addresses below. The office will be open on Thursday and Friday from 8 am-2 pm if you need to make payments or drop anything off for the staff.

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