

Dear Atonement Christian Day School Families,

This communication is to inform you of our updated Covid protocols. After consultation with local medical professionals and thoughtful review of CDC guidelines and DCFS publications, ACDS is shifting towards alignment with the Barrington CUSD 220 school system with a test to attend model.

**The following protocols will take effect Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Please note that these guidelines may be revised and modified based on our school setting, specifically with our infant and under 2 population, or shifts in our community.

**Positive Covid Exposure in Your Specific Childs Classroom Protocol:**

1. The confirmed positive individual must immediately isolate for 5 days. Isolation begins with Day 0 marking the day of a positive test. If unconfirmed through testing, but symptoms present, they must isolate for 5 days with Day 0 being the first day of onset of symptoms. Please seek medical support from your provider. In order to return, the child must be fever/vomit free and showing symptom improvement for 24 hours prior to return.
2. If the positive individual has siblings in the school:
  - a. If the sibling is vaccinated, they may immediately return with a negative PCR test.
  - b. If the sibling is not vaccinated, they may immediately return with a negative PCR test.
3. If you are notified that there is a confirmed case of Covid in your child's classroom, your child may immediately return with a negative PCR test.
4. We request that you monitor your child for symptoms after a confirmed Covid positive exposure. If symptoms do appear, test again. If positive, place the child in isolation for 5 days. Please seek support from your medical provider.
5. If over half of a specific classroom's enrollment tests positive for Covid, we will review isolating and quarantining the entire class.

**Please note:**

-Home tests or rapid tests will not be accepted. Testing must be a PCR test and ACDS must have written results produced and submitted to the ACDS administrative office prior to return. ACDS can supply these tests for you to administer at home or you may choose any local testing location or doctor's office.

-If a family chooses NOT to test a child with Covid symptoms, a sibling with Covid symptoms, or individuals who have been exposed as a result of a positive case in the classroom, a 5 day quarantine/isolation of each individual will be required.

**-General rule: Test negative to stay or isolate for 5 days.**

Our ACDS Staff and Atonement Board understand the complexity of these issues and sympathize with the hardships and uncertainties this issue continues to cause in our homes, workplaces and schools. We want your children here with us! In order to ensure the continuity of care and attendance, please remember sick is sick, covid or otherwise. Other illnesses and diseases can pass quickly through small children, not just Covid. If your child is ill, we implore you to keep them home. **While each case is unique, the standard is that children may not return to the program unless they are symptom free for**

**24 hours or with a doctor's note that it is deemed acceptable to return.** This is especially the case in instances of fever, vomiting, pink eye or contagious rashes.

**Please see the attached document, Frequently Asked Covid-19 or Illness Related Questions, or contact our office and Director with questions or for clarifications. This email is also attached in document form for your review.**

**We appreciate your cooperation in keeping all of our children and staff safe!**

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