

Dear VBS Parents,

Thank you for continuing to understand the current procedures and policies of VBS as we navigate through many new and unknown health related issues. Any COVID situations that have arisen have come from outside the school, though some of those situations have impacted students and staff. We are continuing to be diligent in our cleaning and disinfecting protocols each day. The daily temperature checks and health screenings get tedious, but have been an important part of our safe return to school plan. Thank you for your willingness to assist us in this process each day. Your help in monitoring your own children is a vital part of our safety plan.

The following is an update to the Back to School Safety Plan that was given to the school community before school began in August. Since we wrote our initial plan, the CDC has changed the number of days for quarantine from 14 to 10. This update reflects that change.

- Positive COVID-19 Case:
 - Parents of students in the affected class will be notified. Personal identity of positive COVID-19 cases will be protected.
 - Those in close proximity to that student or staff member (classmates and teachers) will be required to quarantine at home for 10 days. While at home, the teacher will help to ensure that students remain up to date on school work according to the VBS digital learning plan. Students who participate daily in the Google classroom work and lessons will be counted as present during the quarantine period. Students who do not participate in the posted classwork and assignments will receive excused absences for illness, but will be required to make up work when they return to school. No refunds are provided for missed school days.
 - Any student, faculty or staff who have been identified as having been exposed to the virus will be required to quarantine for 10 days.
 - In the case of a full school closure all classes will follow the VBS digital learning plan and will be required to participate in all online learning activities.
 - All affected classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before students or staff return to them.

In addition, the current policy states “If a student or staff member “screens positive” (temperature or signs of illness) that student or staff member will not be permitted to enter or to return to school until they either have had a negative COVID-19 test, or have been fever free and fever medication free for 72 hours.” A negative test after possible exposure will allow the student or staff member to safely return to class.

We will continue to do our best to provide the safest environment possible for your children, families and our school staff. I am reminded of Isaiah 26:4, “Trust in Adonai forever, for the Lord

Adonai is a Rock of ages.” So thankful that He is our rock and we can trust and rest in our Savior even in days of uncertainty.

Please continue to keep Victory in your prayers as we move forward in this school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

In Him,

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