

COVID-19 Response Plan for GRACE Home School Association

“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.” - Lamentations 3:25

Trusting God for our future, our plan will be based on the following:

- We plan to meet in-person.
- We will not require masks, but will not discourage their use.
- We will make hand sanitizer available in each room and recommend using it upon entry of a room.
- We will disinfect hourly and daily, following CDC recommendations.
- Drinking fountains will not be available for use.
- Hot lunch will be discontinued and the snack cart will only contain pre-packaged snacks.
- We ask that if you are sick, please stay home and we will support your instruction as needed. The symptoms of COVID-19 are: *fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.*
- We will require that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 not attend class for 10 days.
- We will recommend that anyone who has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 not attend class for 10 days. See details below for alternatives. This policy is subject to change and may be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- We will report positive cases of COVID-19 to exposed GRACE families as soon as we are made aware of them.
- We will not share the identity of a case without their permission.

Procedure for Coping with COVID-19

Scripture exhorts us to love and care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you contract COVID-19 or come in contact with a person with COVID-19, we are trusting that you will, through your decisions and actions, take care of the entire GRACE family. The following procedures have been developed with much thought and prayer. They are based on recommendations published by the CDC and the Ottawa Department of Public Health. For the sake of clarity, we will use the following terms:

- **“Case”**: a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- **“Contact”**: a person who has been within six feet of a “case” for 15 minutes or more, starting 48 hours before the person had any symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.

Parents, Students, Teachers & Staff

If you are considered a **“Contact”** but are not experiencing symptoms:

1. You may choose to stay home from class for 10-14 days, however
 - if you are a teacher, please arrange for a sub in a timely manner
 - if you are a student, please contact your teacher for make-up work in a timely manner
 - if you develop symptoms within 14 days of your exposure to the case, it is advisable that you stay home and follow the guidelines for a “case”.

2. You may choose to continue to teach/attend class, however, it is recommended that you
 - check yourself for a fever before coming to class
 - wear a face mask
 - be diligent to social distance and sanitize throughout the day
 - monitor yourself for symptoms throughout the day
 - if you develop symptoms within 14 days of exposure to a case, it is advisable that you stay home and follow the guidelines for a “case”.

If you are considered a “Case”:

- Stay home from GRACE classes and contact our Health Coordinator, Martha Markwat (martha.markwat@gmail.com) with the following information:
 - Date of onset (date that symptoms began or a positive test was done)
 - A list of all the classes you attended (include study halls, lunchroom, bathroom, office) since 2 days prior to date of onset (list class name, day, teacher)
- We will not release your identity without your permission. In some situations the name of a case could be released to help “contacts” make decisions about their quarantine, but would require the permission of the case.
- “Cases” who have no symptoms or mild to moderate symptoms may return to class if:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset *and*
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications *and*
 - Other symptoms have improved
- Household members of the “Case” are considered “Contacts” (see guidelines for “Contacts” above)

GRACE

In the event a “Case” is reported to GRACE:

- GRACE families with students who may have been exposed at GRACE (“Contacts”) will be notified via email.
- Teachers will provide makeup homework for students in quarantine
- Affected areas of Trinity CRC will be deep cleaned
- GRACE will, under direction from the board, stop meeting in person only if the number of positive cases becomes unmanageable. In that case we will move to remote learning until it is safe and practical to return to in-person learning.
- GRACE will communicate occurrences of confirmed cases to our landlord, Trinity CRC, so that they can share data with their church members and other tenants as they deem necessary.