



REVISED Covid-19 Safety Protocol

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GBA seeks to balance health and safety of all personnel and students while also maintaining uninterrupted ministry to our students.

If a student has tested positive for COVID-19, that student will be required to remain home from school for 7 days from the date of the onset of their symptoms, or the date the test was administered. The student must be symptom and fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. A documented negative test may be required in order to return to school. A “virtual school” protocol will be enacted for Elementary grades (1st Grade and up).

For any student who has been knowingly **exposed** to Covid-19 for a significant period of time and the student is:

Vaccinated...he/she may continue to attend class without interruption.

Not Vaccinated...he/she will be required to quarantine for 48 hours from the time of exposure to ensure no symptoms of illness occur. After 48 hours have passed and the student shows no symptoms of illness, the student will be allowed to return to school. Any Student that develops symptoms of illness will be isolated and be required to be picked up from school.

If an Administrator, Teacher, or Student tests positive for Covid-19 the following protocol will be enacted:

- All GBA parents/guardians will be notified via email/voicemail to inform that exposure to the virus has taken place.
- All areas that were affected by Covid-19 contamination will undergo an extensive deep-clean.

Once areas have been cleaned and sanitized for 24 hours, all teachers and students will return to normal operations.

INFLUENZA GUIDELINES

If your student is diagnosed with influenza, they must be fever free AND symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.

When To Keep Your Child Home From School

There are times when you are not sure whether you should keep your child out of school. During the school year, it is very important to keep your student at home if they have the following symptoms:

- A student with a fever of 100.1 or higher without any additional symptoms of coughing, sore throat, or body aches must be fever free for 48 hours **WITHOUT** medication such as Tylenol or Motrin before returning to school.
- Diarrhea – more than 1 time in a 24-hour period.
- Vomiting – more than 1 time in a 24-hour period.
- A blistery sore or rash, especially if accompanied by a fever.

Students will need to be cleared of any contagious illness by their physician before returning to school.

Keep your child at home if he/she has **HEAVY** nasal congestion or has a persistent cough. If your child has a fever with a persistent cough, a risk of COVID will be assessed and appropriate measures followed. Your child *may be asked* to wear a mask at school if persistent coughing or sneezing are present.

If your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, pink eye, ringworm, or impetigo, etc.. he/she must be on antibiotics 24 hours before returning to school and be fever free.

If your child requires pain medication stronger than Tylenol or Ibuprofen, he/she may not need to attend school until authorized by a Nurse/Physician.