



Reopening Implementation Plan 2020-2021

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THE TRIPLE A EFFECT:

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ACCELERATING *scholars' educational experience,*
ADVANCING *the kingdom.*



A Message from the Principal



In the midst of the unprecedented COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, we realize that the education of scholars must continue. As such, the team of professional educators at Arlington Christian School plans to embark on a new educational journey girded with wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit like never before. Under the authority of God and the expertise of government and health officials, we will begin the 2020-2021 school year on August 17, 2020.

We have adopted as this year's theme, "The Triple A Effect: **A**ctualizing the new-normal, **A**ccelerating scholars' educational experience, **A**dvancing the kingdom." As such, faculty and staff have been trained over the summer break, and we will be following all school considerations and guiding principles issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We have also put in place a Coronavirus Task Force which encompasses all poignant areas of our school campus. Each task force sub-group is diligently working to familiarize themselves with all pertinent data as we prepare to enter our new year to incorporate CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines and instructions. Additionally, we have put together an online contingency plan if schools are instructed to close due to the Coronavirus pandemic in the Fall.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers. We are in this **TOGETHER!**

In Christ,

Kelvin L. Griffin, Ph. D., Principal

"Reopening schools is not a one size fits all for each school."

Dr. Anthony Fauci
American physician,
immunologist,
White House Coronavirus
Task Force member

What Will Learning Look Like?

After issuing a survey on the learning style of choice for our families, it was determined that scholars will be instructed in one of three ways. All families will be (or have already been) contacted by their scholar's teacher to assure that their scholar is set to receive the instruction requested.



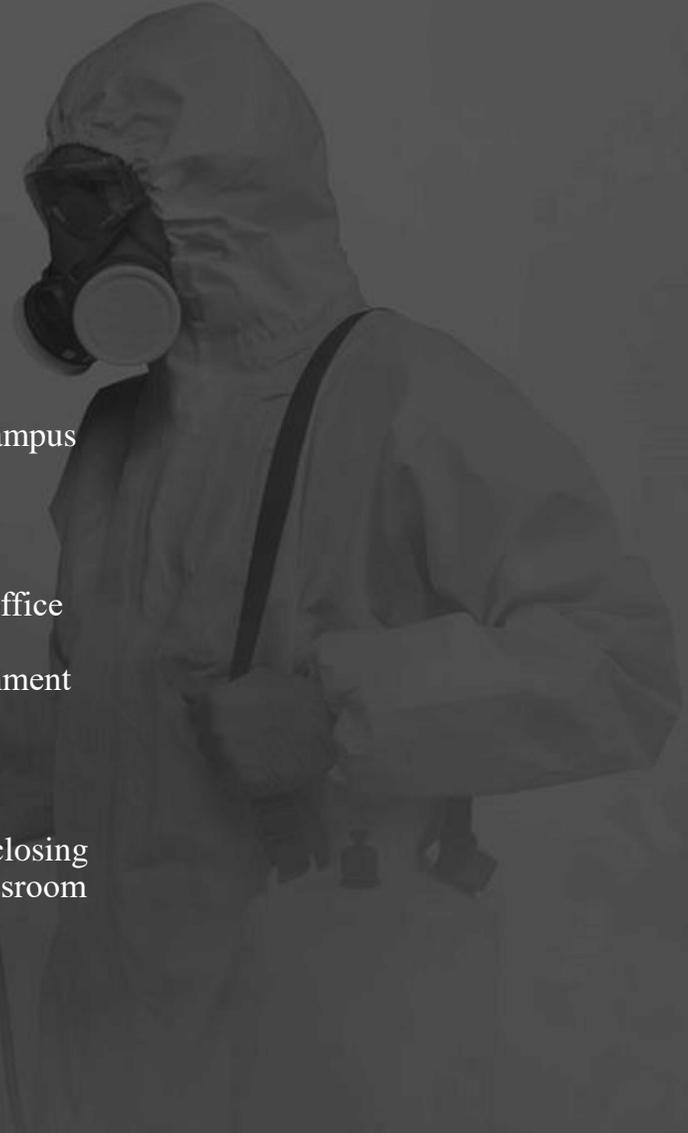
**Face to Face
Instruction**

**Blended
Learning**

**Online
Instruction**

Precautionary Measures: In our Buildings

- All scholars and staff will wear masks; Face shields will be in place for additional protection
- Temperature checks for scholars and staff
- Scholars and staff will be asked to stay home if they are sick
- All areas will be cleaned and disinfected frequently to ensure a healthy environment
- Office areas will have sneeze guards or partitions where 6 feet apart is not feasible
- No shared spaces (includes cafeteria and playground until further notice)
- Although frequent handwashing will be encouraged, hand sanitizer will be made readily available throughout the campus
- Restrooms: Physical barriers between sinks and tape on the floor to ensure kids stay 6 feet apart
- Ventilation systems will be operating consistently and properly to ensure the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible
- Discourage the congregation of visitors in parking lots, at the schools' entrances and in common areas of the front office (as defined by the Governor's Executive Order)
- Create, post and distribute signage and informational documentation explaining the district's healthy school environment requirements
- Modify school-spaces (e.g., cafeteria, hallways, classrooms) to support social distancing practices
- Develop a protocol to ensure buildings are properly sanitized between classes and at the end of the school day
- Ensure a process that delineates the steps if a scholar or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19; a protocol for closing the school will be followed. The district's assessment and DPH criteria/guidance will determine if the impacted classroom or the entire school building needs to close for a specified period of time.



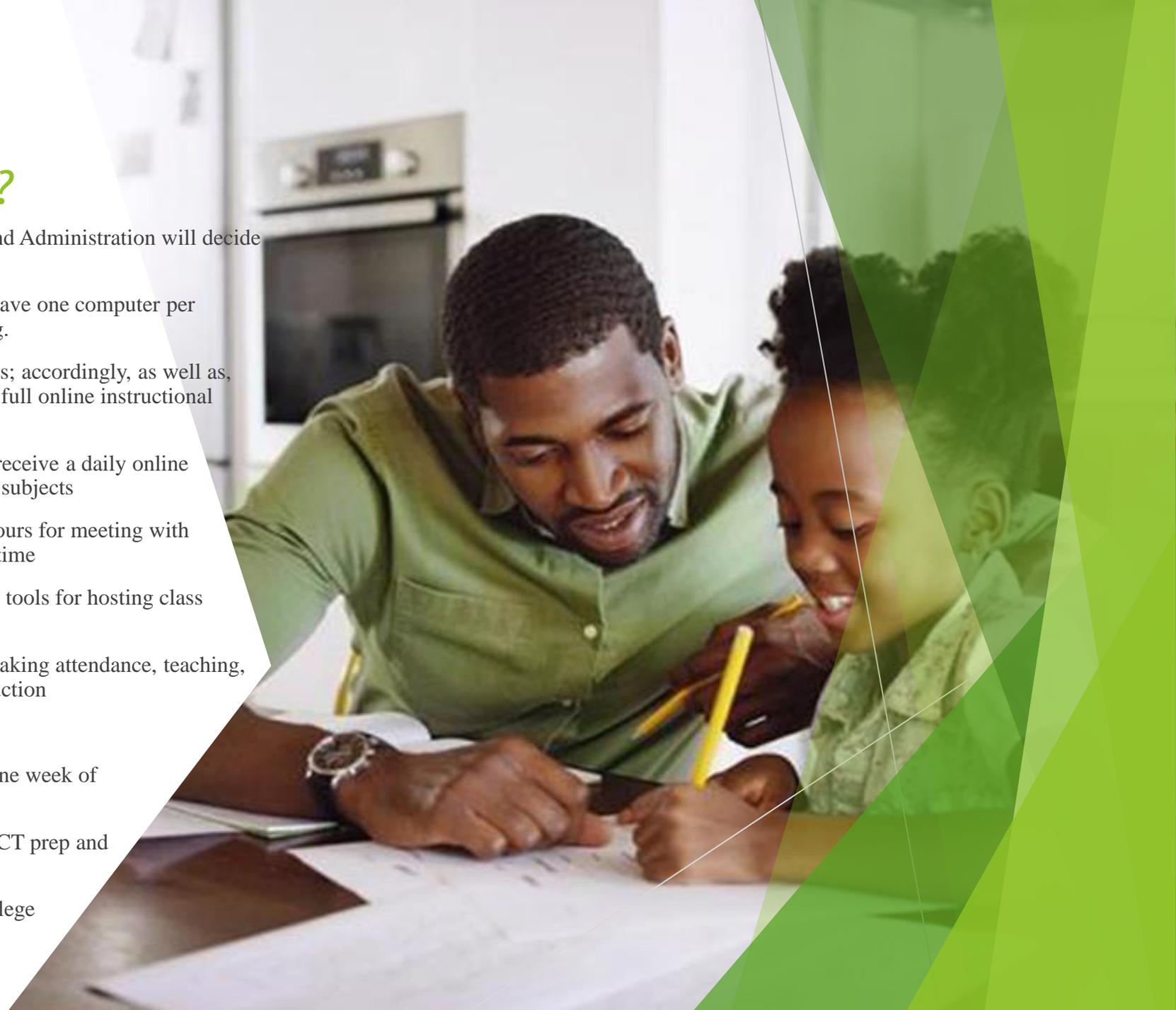
Precautionary Measures: In our Classrooms

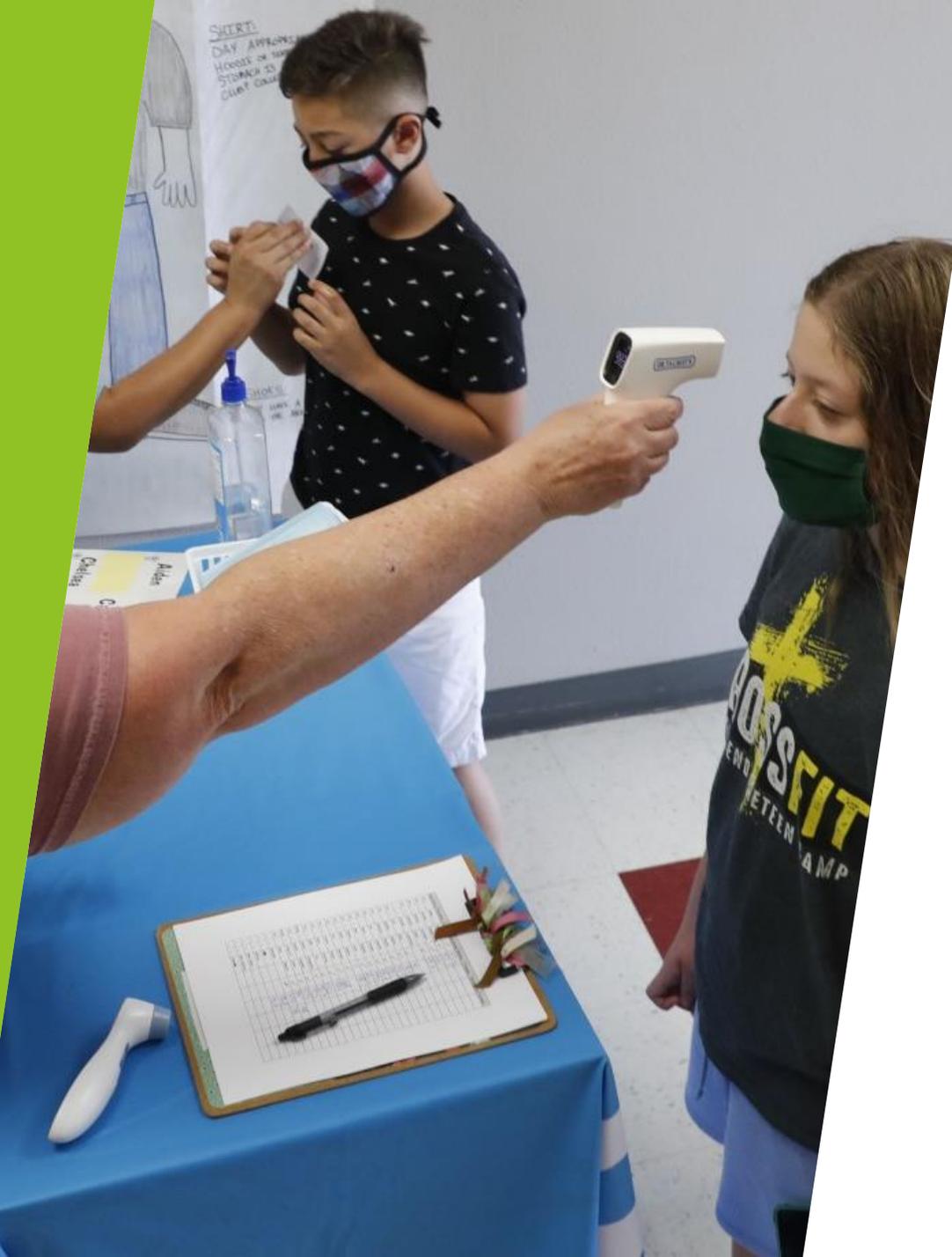


- In accordance with regulation, all homeroom teachers will conduct a daily wellness check for all scholars at the beginning of the instructional day
- No sharing of personal items: scholars will need to label and sanitize all supplies
- Teachers will separate scholars' belongings into individual cubbies or labeled containers
- No sharing of electronic devices, games, or learning aids
- Teachers will arrange desks and seating areas to be 6 feet apart and all facing in the same direction
- Teachers will prepare for scholars to enjoy lunch in their classroom: only pre-packaged boxed lunches until further notice; Elementary scholars will dine directly after 3rd period and Middle and High School scholars will dine during their 5th period class each day
- Teachers will not plan any field trips or mass group assemblies until further notice
- Teachers will not allow visitors or volunteers in their classroom until further notice
- Middle and High School teachers will stagger class change times to avoid crowds
- Teachers will be vigilant to ensure that scholars do not touch one another as the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person
- In lieu of playground time, scholars will receive extra physical education instruction; Elementary School scholars will receive extra breaks during the instructional day inside their classroom

Our Contingency Plan: *What if online learning becomes our only option?*

- ▶ The Arlington Christian School Board of Trustees and Administration will decide on campus close date.
- ▶ The technology team will confirm that all scholars have one computer per household to ensure preparedness for online learning.
- ▶ All teachers will distribute assignments and materials; accordingly, as well as, prepare to convert from face-to-face instruction to a full online instructional schedule
- ▶ Elementary, Middle, and High School scholars will receive a daily online class schedule to continue all academic and elective subjects
- ▶ All teachers will be available during posted office hours for meeting with scholars and parents outside of the designated class time
- ▶ All scholars will have access to in-class engagement tools for hosting class lessons and discussions, i.e., lab kits, novels, etc.
- ▶ Live video streamed classes where teachers will be taking attendance, teaching, polling, and quizzing scholars with interactive instruction
- ▶ Lecture recording if scholars are absent
- ▶ Grades will be available for viewing online within one week of submission
- ▶ High School scholars will receive ongoing virtual ACT prep and virtual college tours
- ▶ 11th and 12th grade scholars will receive ongoing college application and scholarship support





Knowing When to Stay Home

Faculty/staff or scholar should stay home if:

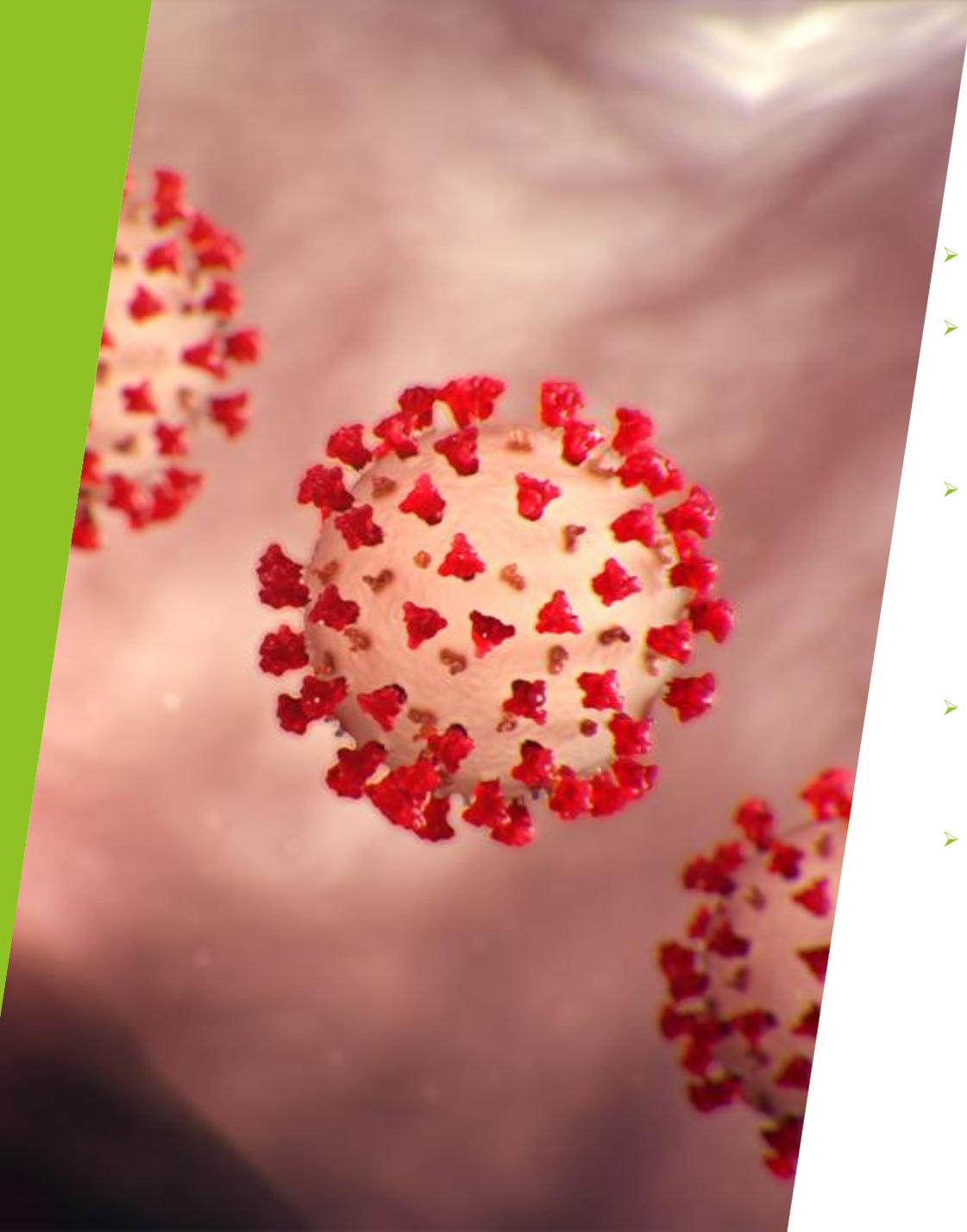
- A member of the household has tested positive for COVID-19
- A member of the household is awaiting test results for COVID-19
- A member of the household is experiencing COVID-like symptoms
- He/she has a fever of 100.4° or higher

If any of the above listed scenarios are present, the following steps should be taken:

- Stay home
- Call your doctor
- Inform the school
- Rest and recover if you are the one experiencing the COVID-like symptoms, including a fever of 100.4° or higher

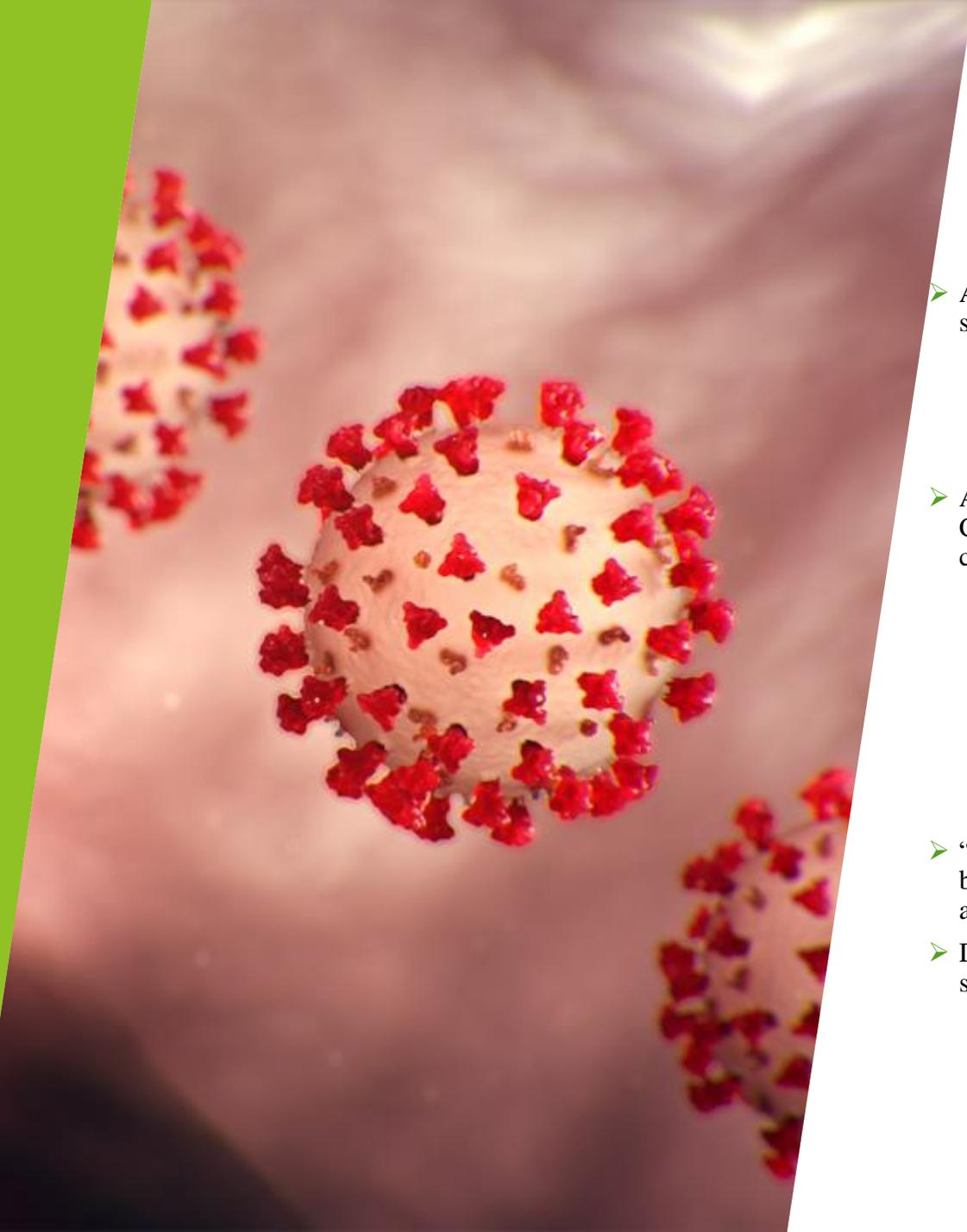
Also:

If any faculty/staff or scholar has had to stay home from school, they should contact their doctor before returning. They must also have been fever-free without medication for 72 hours.

A microscopic view of several COVID-19 virus particles. The particles are spherical with a yellowish core and a red, spiky outer layer. They are set against a blurred background of pink and purple light.

What if COVID-19 is Reported?

- Arlington Christian School (ACS) has an obligation to notify local health authorities and the school community of any diagnosis.
- Faculty/staff and scholars with COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell) will be immediately separated. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility (depending on how severe their symptoms are) and follow CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick.
- ACS will follow the Georgia Department of Health (DPH) Return to School guidelines for those who test positive for COVID-19 or have suspected symptoms. The following guidance will be used to make decisions about “return to school” for scholars or faculty/staff:
 - with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19;
 - who have been exposed to COVID-19.
- DPH recommends a time-based return to school strategy that is determined based on a person’s health status. Decisions about “return to school” for persons with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should be made in the context of local circumstances (community transmission, resource needs, etc.).
- Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can return to school after:
 - at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
 - improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND,
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

A microscopic view of several COVID-19 virus particles. The particles are spherical with a yellowish core and a red, spiky outer layer. They are set against a blurred background of human skin.

What if COVID-19 is Reported (cont.)?

- Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 can return to school after:
 - At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic. (Note: Asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons above.)
- Asymptomatic persons who have a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) can return to school after:
 - They have completed all requirements in the DPH guidance for persons exposed to COVID-19 found at <https://dph.georgia.gov/contact> (Of note: If this person is tested for COVID-19 during the 14 day quarantine period, a negative test result would not change or decrease the time a person is monitored, but a positive test would move the person into one of the above categories, based on whether they are still asymptomatic or have developed symptoms.)
- “Suspected symptoms” is defined as fever of 100.4°, shortness of breath, frequent cough that is not attributed to asthma or seasonal allergies, loss of taste or smell.
- DPH does not recommend using a test-based strategy for returning to school for children or adults after COVID-19 infection.

How Do I Stay Informed?



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The website is updated frequently.



The Arlington app is coming soon. It will definitely be a great source for updates.



Thank
you!