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**Amended Covid-19 Policy as of July 20, 2021**

Dear AFBCS and AFBC Child Care Families,

We want to begin by thanking you for your continued trust as we navigate this new “normal” of working through COVID-19. Our first assurance to you is our commitment to student and staff safety. Below are our new Covid-19 policies to be followed until further notice.

**SCREENING**

All faculty and staff will self-screen before coming to work. Additionally, all parents will screen their own children before bringing/sending their children to school and/or child care. These screenings will include the following: Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees fahrenheit, loss of taste or smell, constant cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, severe headache, chills, sore throat, shaking or exaggerated shivering, significant muscle pain or ache.

**COVID POLICY COMMITMENT**

Upon registration each family will be presented with a COVID SCREENING, ASSUMED RISK & COVID POLICY AGREEMENT that outlines a commitment to the safety of our staff and children. This form will need to be signed by a parent/guardian of each child. The form will be placed in each child’s file. Parents are expected to keep their children home if they are experiencing any of the symptoms listed above. Working together will help your children stay safe and keep AFBC/AFBCS open.

**MASKS** - At this time masks are optional for all faculty, staff and children.

**PREVENTION** - We will continue to thoroughly clean and sanitize the classrooms with a bleach solution throughout the day. We would welcome any donations of Lysol spray! We will have plenty of hand sanitizer available to use all day, as well as encourage constant **handwashing**.

**LUNCH / VISITORS** - At this time since there has been an increase in Covid numbers in our area, we will restrict visits to only those essential to school operations. The more we reduce our numbers, the less likely the spread of the virus. Guest speakers and visitors for educational purposes will be approved on an individual basis.

## **IF A CHILD BECOMES ILL AT SCHOOL**

If a child shows symptoms of Covid-19 or becomes ill at school, that child will be sent home. If a child tests positive for Covid-19, all families will be notified by email. The sick child, as well as siblings or immediate family members who are attending, will need to stay out of school until the sick child tests negative or the child is symptom free for three days, including not using a fever reducer, and at least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared. We will not require a child to be tested. We will require the sick child to stay out for the recommended time period as noted above.

In the case of an individual who has symptoms that *could* be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19. The individual, as well as siblings or immediate family members attending, may not return to school until the individual has completed the same criteria as listed in the above paragraph (the child tests negative for COVID-19, or has been symptom free for three days, including not using a fever reducer, and at least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.)

Further, if the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return to school based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive a negative COVID-19 test.

While we understand that it is not possible to eliminate all risks of furthering the spread of COVID-19, we feel like these steps will certainly reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly.

Pray for each student, staff and faculty member, as well as all of our school and child care families, that they would stay healthy and that we would have a fantastic year together growing closer to our great God! Let's keep our focus on Him and not on the virus!

On behalf of our School Committee, Mother's Day Out Committee, our school and child care administrations, teachers and staff, we look forward to the start of the 2021-2022 school year! Remain in prayer, that God would keep us protected! *"For He did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self discipline, 2 Timothy 1:7!* We're so thankful that we are not alone. God is with us! We give this upcoming school year completely to Him, in Jesus' Name!

Anchored In Christ,

*AFBCS Administration  
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