



## Update to Current Illness Policy and Coronavirus Response Plan

### Purpose:

The update aims to manage the potential impact of a pandemic/epidemic on students and teachers by:

- Containing a regional pandemic involving human to human transmission by reducing the spread within the school facilities and between staff
- Maintaining essential services if containment is not possible and classes need to continue remotely
- In the event of human to human transmission developing to enable the school to be prepared to respond quickly and appropriately to minimize effects on students, teachers and other staff members.

### Updates to Current Illness Policy:

1. When the child's temperature is 99.5 or above, parents will be contacted.
2. Parents must make arrangements to pick up the child within one hour of notification. (This is the same policy that is held by Cobb County School District)
3. If the parent is unavailable, the next emergency contact will be asked to come and pick up the ill child.
4. If no parent or emergency contact is available, an ambulance may be called to transport the child to receive emergency care.
5. Children must remain fever free, without the use of fever reducer medication for 24 hours. If a child is sent home with a fever, they will not be allowed to return the following day, as the 24 hour time period remaining fever free would not have elapsed.

While waiting for a parent pick-up, the child will be placed in a quarantine room away from the office to keep illness from spreading.

Please remember, if your child becomes ill at school and the teacher and/or administration feel that the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school.

### Coronavirus Response:

Carman Adventist School Administration monitors student health. If a child and/or family's symptoms and/or travel history match that of the advisory provided by the Centers for Disease Control, then the administration will report the suspected case to the Cobb County Department of Health. As directed by the Cobb County Department of Health, this information would then be disseminated to the school community.

The Carman Adventist School Board authorizes the administration, in conjunction with the Cobb County Schools, and/or under the direction of the Cobb County Department of Health to complete the following:

1. Complete daily temperature checks prior to entrance into school
2. Required quarantine absence until cleared by appropriate medical authority with written documentation regarding appropriate date to return to school

Protocols and policies may change with updated information. Carman Adventist School will continue to follow the recommendations given to Cobb County Schools or those at the direction of the Cobb County Health Department.

### Masks:

Carman Adventist School will not be providing masks to students or staff. They are welcome to bring their own from home, but at this time they are not required or encouraged.

### Increased Cleaning:

1. Teachers clean high traffic areas (example: desktops) during classroom changes or following each dismissal to break.
2. All school door handles and tables are disinfected daily with appropriate medical grade sanitizing wipes
3. Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom beside tissue boxes

### Social Protocols:

Should an outbreak be documented within Cobb County:

1. Lunches would be eaten inside the classroom
2. Cold lunches only
3. Cancel Band classes
4. Cancel school performances or gatherings
5. Students will be reminded to avoid physical contact with each other.  
(Examples: No hugging or high fiving)

### Policy regarding individual or family quarantine:

1. If a parent has been placed in quarantine, we ask that the children remain home during the quarantine period as well.
2. The faculty will ensure that educational access will continue through email and mail.

3. Appropriate accommodations will be made to ensure that it does not negatively impact the students' academic assessment and grades.

School-wide quarantine plan:

In the event of a community or school wide quarantine, the following steps would be taken.

1. The first five days of quarantine - no academic work would be available.
2. During this period, teachers will be transferring their lesson plans to an online format that is appropriate for the development and subject area instructed.
3. Parents will have the option to utilize computer equipment in their home, or borrow student chromebooks from the school.
4. Teachers will utilize Google Classroom to place links, materials, and lessons online.
5. Utilization of Google Hangouts and Zoom will allow students to virtually attend instruction sections with the assigned instructor.
6. Should teachers become unable to continue instruction due to illness, appropriate substitutes would be hired as per regular policy.
7. Academic instruction would continue during the hours of 8:30 to 3:15 as part of the typical school day. Instruction would be provided as appropriate, however, not continuous. Teachers will take care to provide Question and Answer periods, and lesson design would encourage independent learning.
8. Daily attendance would be taken via email confirmation from the parent at the end of each school day.

The State of Georgia Legislature and State Department of Education provide direction regarding attendance requirements in the event of a quarantine. Carman Adventist School will continue to work with Cobb County Public Health Department regarding appropriate measures to take to ensure student health and safety.