

Ozark Adventist School COVID Plan

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Vaccines

Ozark Adventist School will do all in its power to keep students and staff in our care safe. The Covid virus is again spreading in our community. The best way that parents and community members can keep our children safe is to get vaccinated from the COVID-19 virus. OAS is also recommending that students 12 years old and up get vaccinated. On July 9, The centers for Disease control and prevention issued a statement that “children and adolescents benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person school in the fall is a priority.” However, the low rate of vaccinations in Arkansas is concerning. The new Delta variant is more contagious and spreads rapidly. An outbreak could force our school to quarantine and shift to online learning. Please help us stay in person, in school, by getting vaccinated. That being said, we understand that some in our community may not be able to get the vaccine due to underlying health conditions or age. It is also our belief that vaccinations should be voluntary.

Masks

Masks are recommended but not required for students, staff, and visitors.

Quarantine

If a staff member or student is exposed to Covid and they have been vaccinated, they will not be required to quarantine unless they develop Covid symptoms or test positive for Covid. Those who are not vaccinated will need to quarantine for 14 days if they are exposed to Covid.

Online Learning

Online learning and/or learning packets will be provided for those students out on quarantine. Please contact your child’s teacher if your child will be out for quarantine. The school nurse will follow up with each affected family as Covid reporting is required for each school.

Sanitizing/Hygiene

Ozark Adventist School will continue to provide a clean learning environment by cleaning desks and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces. Teachers will encourage students to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

Stay Home if You are Sick

Ozark Adventist School is asking each parent to please check your children for symptoms of illness in the morning before they come to school. If they have any of these symptoms, please keep child at home. Please check for fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, congestion, fatigue, diarrhea, and/or vomiting. If your child must stay home for these symptoms, we ask that your child be tested for Covid before returning to school. Follow up with the school nurse. Exceptions to testing will be approved on a case by case basis by the school nurse.

My prayer this year is that our students, staff, and community stay well! I'm looking forward to a great year.