



September 27, 2020

Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff:

As a follow up to the communication sent on Wednesday, 9/23, we are pleased to let you know the positive COVID case staff member has followed appropriate protocols and has been released by medical professionals to return. Also, all the staff members who were using precaution and being tested as a preventative measure have been cleared to return to campus.

We thank you for your prayers and we ask that you continue to pray for the health and safety of our students and their families, our faculty, and staff.

We also need to notify our families that when we have a positive case identified on campus, we are required to confirm that case with the Tacoma Pierce County Department of Health. Confirming a case includes giving the DOH the person's name and DOB. This is part of the state and county contact tracing protocols. Please rest assured that we will never make this information public or provide this information unless legally required to do so.

We are also required to share those with "close contact". Close contact is defined by the DOH as:

- Someone the person lives with—like siblings.
- Someone whom the person is within 6 feet of for more than 15 minutes
- In the case of a faculty or staff member, we will rely on the individual to assist in identifying those they may have had close contact
- In the case of a student, we will rely on the assistance of parents and faculty to help ascertain those who may have been exposed

Everyone has a role in keeping our campus and our families safe. As we partner together, please continue to follow the steps provided by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department:

- Stay close to home.
- [Wear a mask](#) when you leave home.
- [Limit your interactions](#) to a small circle of friends and family.
- [Keep gatherings small](#), and outside if possible where fresh air circulates.
- [Stay 6 feet apart](#) from others. Wear a mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet of space.
- [Get tested](#) for COVID-19 if you are experiencing symptoms, are Black, Latinx, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Island, American Indian, Alaska Native—or have participated in any gatherings—social, civic, business, political, athletic or otherwise.
- Wash your hands, cover your cough, and keep up your best hygiene and sanitation.

Again, we thank you for joining with us in covering our campus with prayer.

Sincerely,
TBS Administrative Leadership Team