

CORONAVIRUS ANSWERS

SEQUITUR CLASSICAL ACADEMY (BATON ROUGE, LA)

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What ongoing steps should we use to help prevent the spread of all diseases at the school—flu, corona, or otherwise? Students should wash their hands regularly and take regular baths. They should avoid sharing snacks and drinks at school. Students should be aware of personal space and bodily fluids at all times. Severe symptoms should be checked by a family physician, and students should not risk infecting other students if an illness is contagious. Heed the instruction given by the family physician and ensure all medication has been taken and the proper time has elapsed before introducing a sick student back into the classroom. If a family is aware of a contagious disease or illness in their student, they ought to notify school administration immediately.

What steps to follow if coronavirus starts to spread in your geographical area? If the Coronavirus starts to spread in the United States, we will heed very carefully the directions given by the CDC, and by state and city officials. We will monitor closely what EBR Parish Schools decide and make a Sequitur-specific plan accordingly. As of now, we encourage our families to limit traveling abroad and to be vigilant concerning the public places they visit and family vacations they take at this time. Be aware of family members and friends, whether they have traveled and what exposure they may have encountered at this time.

What to do if there is a first confirmed case of coronavirus at your school? If there is a first confirmed case of coronavirus at our school, we will immediately enact a Short-Term Shutdown of at least two weeks. All academy functions will cease until families are able to determine the health and well-being of their students. School administration will cooperate fully with local, state, and federal officials to ensure the infected are treated and the uninfected are quarantined from the academy.

At what threshold would you suspend a class, or school, and for how long? Sequitur may enact our long-term or short-term shutdown policy depending on the severity of the situation and how close it is to our academy and our student body. We will take seriously the advice given to us by public health officials and our academy parents who are in the medical profession.

What symptoms will you ask parents to look for? Please visit the CDC website for a full list of symptoms and personal and familial steps to take.

Do you want to modify or more strongly enforce your "no school attendance within 24 hours of having a fever"? We want parents to exercise greater caution at this time, and especially if the virus spreads closer to Baton Rouge, also depending on who the family has been around the past two weeks. When in doubt, please bring the student to a medical professional for testing and care.

How will you refer students to be tested if you have concerns? We will immediately contact the parents and have them take it from there.

Do you notify parents of students that are in the same class as the sick student? If a student has contracted the coronavirus, we will immediately and considerably enact our Emergency Shutdown plan for at least two weeks. We will inform our administration and board first. We will then inform public health officials and our school community.