



*Jeremiah 29:7*

*Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*

### **Family Responsibilities**

FA needs every family involved in helping our community reduce the spread of ALL infectious diseases.

- Please DO NOT bring your child(ren) to FA if they have symptoms of any contagious ailment. **Keep sick children at home.**
- If your child needs to stay home, please call or text your building as soon as possible.
- Train your children to cover their mouths with a tissue when they sneeze or cough and throw out the tissue immediately, or to sneeze or cough into the bends of their elbows when tissue isn't handy.
- Each Thursday morning, please run through this checklist for each child at FA:
  - Temperature over 100.4
  - Sore throat
  - Uncontrolled cough with difficulty breathing
  - Had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID 19
    - *If you can answer yes to any of these, please keep your child home until your child is symptom-free.*

### **Child Responsibilities**

FA will encourage all children to engage in health-promoting behaviors that prevent many illnesses:

- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds and frequently.
- Don't share food or drinks.
- Give elbow bumps instead of handshakes or hugs.
- Wipe down tables regularly.

### **Current Masking Guidelines as of August 2021:**

[MDHHS Recommendations for Safer School Operations during COVID-19](#)



### **Programming Changes**

First Addition is a Christian, non-profit organization that partners with homeschooling families to provide support and encouragement for both parents and their homeschooled students. We will continue to meet weekly for worship and social activities, but have made changes to our programming to keep our families healthy and safe. Although we are not a school, we are still following CDC and local health guidelines and recommendations as it is in the best interest of our community.

- We are all aware of practicing good hygiene all day long and will give everyone in our program many chances to do so.
  - Washing/sanitizing hands
  - Not sharing food
  - Breaks outside

### **Staff/Board Responsibilities**

FA will create as many policies as is reasonable to help prevent the spread of disease:

- FA administrators will control access to the building. All entrances will be locked once worship has begun.
- Where possible, FA will increase ventilation by opening windows and/or doors.
- All children will have plenty of outside play.

### **Medical Actions**

FA will isolate and send home anyone with **any** symptoms of illness.

If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing, the health department will reach out to FA. If we are contacted, we are mandated by law to report to them the names of students and teachers they have had *direct* contact with.

### **Mental Health Actions**

Our staff has always been committed to letting you know if we see any sign that your child is struggling in any way, including their response to this pandemic. We have an open door policy with our students and our board staff if they need to talk or pray. We will make suggestions for further help as needed.



## **Quarantine Requirements**

Please review the current guidance as of September 2021:

[MI Safer Schools Guidance for Managing Students Exposed to COVID-19](#)

## **Conclusion**

These continue to be difficult times. We thank you for your patience and understanding. FA is committed to controlling what we can. We will rely on our families to do their part at home. And most importantly, we'll trust the Lord God to lead and guide.

*Lamentations 3:25*

*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.*

*Colossians 4:6*

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*