

With all of the recent news surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus), we wanted to take a moment to let you know how we're keeping Al Roberts Education Centre healthy and safe for our team and students.

Thankfully, although there is still much to learn about the coronavirus, the QLD Govt's suggested protocols for addressing it are similar to those we have been carrying out for reducing the spread of common cold and flu. Nonetheless, we are intensifying our efforts around best practices for virus prevention. Here are the specific steps we're taking at Al Roberts Education Centre:

- All our staff are double vaccinated, with boosters to be added as they become eligible.
- Vaccination of students is encouraged.
- We have HEPA air filters in the learning and office spaces.
- A positive pressure ventilation fan has been installed to encourage air flow.
- Currently **Staff members wear masks** during sessions as they are unable to socially distance from their students.
- When masks are mandated for indoors, **all our students will be required to wear a mask** which we will provide.
- Any staff member who could potentially be sick with fever, cold or flu symptoms is staying home. If a staff member shows cold or flu symptoms at work, we will send them home.
- We are posting signs about handwashing etiquette and safe hygiene and are reinforcing that message throughout the session.
- In addition to our regular daily maintenance, we will start and end each day by wiping down all shared hard surfaces with disinfectant containing Alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride 0.45%. That active ingredient has been shown to be effective against coronaviruses in concentrations above 0.05%.
- Throughout the evening and between sessions we will also disinfect shared surfaces such as doorknobs, chairs, bathroom fixtures, and any shared tools such as keyboards, pens and pencils.
- We are making alcohol-based hand sanitizer available to staff and students at the front desk and in each teaching space.
- We have provided polycarbonate screens between students.
- We will discourage contact with other students and practise safe distancing as required where possible.

Here's how you can help:

We request that any parent who feels that their child maybe potentially sick with a cough, cold, temperature, or flu to please keep them at home until they are well and call us on **07 3348 2488** or text **0414 324 602** to organise a make-up or to organise remote access.

We are able to send you an email in regard to remote access to tutoring sessions online should this become necessary.

Safety is always our number one priority. These steps, along with your personal cautiousness, will help Al Roberts Education Centre play our part in keeping our community safe and healthy.

Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you!