

SISD Notification of Confirmed COVID-19 Case

Friday, October 23, 2020

Dear Greyhound Families,

As part of our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, we are notifying all student families that we were just informed of a staff member who has been lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. The high school staff member was last on campus Thursday, October 22nd. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name of the individual or details that may identify him or her. We will follow our posted guidance regarding sanitation and cleaning after a lab-confirmed case on campus in all affected areas. We have notified the appropriate local health entity and they will begin a case investigation. All students and staff that came into close contact will be directly notified. Anyone determined to have been in close contact will remain off campus for up to 14 days.

We do not believe those who were **not** in close contact with the infected individual have reason to be concerned, but we ask that you watch for symptoms of COVID-19 listed below from TEA:

feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, loss of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, chills, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shaking or exaggerated shivering, significant muscle pain or ache, diarrhea, and nausea or vomiting.

TEA Definition of Close Contact

In general, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a largely uninterrupted or sustained extended contact period throughout the course of a day of approximately 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case; defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.

We appreciate your cooperation as we navigate this process. Our top priority is the health and safety of our staff and students. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your campus administration.

Sincerely,

Taylor Williams
Superintendent
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