



Vision: Haxtun Schools empower students to engage in high quality learning in a safe, healthy and caring environment in order for every student to become a productive learner and successful citizen.

Mission: **Engage to Learn, Educate to Succeed, Empower to Lead**

Monday, September 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

3 students or staff members at Haxtun High School have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Each case of COVID-19 is interviewed by public health. As part of this public health investigation:

- The person diagnosed is being kept home from school until they are no longer infectious.
- The person's activities when they could have spread COVID-19 were assessed.
- The people who were close contacts of the person with COVID-19 are instructed to stay home from school for 14 days after the exposure. This is called quarantine.

Because it is impossible to assess all interactions in a school and because of the length of time which students spend together, either in or outside of school, all cohort members, along with their teachers/sponsors, are considered close contacts. Your child was in the cohort with one or more of the persons diagnosed with COVID-19, so your child must follow quarantine instructions and stay home from school for 14 days. If you have children in other grades, they can still go to school unless their sibling gets sick or tests positive for COVID-19.

Your child can return to school and normal activities on Thursday, September 17. During this time, your child should stay home and not go to other schools, activities, childcares, or other activities around other people. Instructions about how to quarantine are available here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/how-to-quarantine#>

If your child develops [symptoms](#) consistent with COVID-19:

- Follow [Health Department isolation instructions](#).
- Have your child [tested](#).
- Continue to keep your child home from school and avoid other activities around other people.
- Notify the school.
- Seek medical care and testing for COVID-19, calling your doctor before you show up.

Public Health may recommend, or you may choose to have your child tested for COVID-19 a week after they were around the person with COVID-19, even if your child does not have symptoms. A negative test result does not mean that your child will not develop symptoms or become sick after the test. A negative test result means that your child did not have COVID-19 detected at the time of testing. A negative test will not allow your child to come back to school or attend other activities sooner. Medical insurance may not cover the cost of testing for people without symptoms.

Under the [Healthy Families and Workplaces Act \("HFWA"\)](#), an employer must provide paid leave to an employee under certain conditions, including taking care of someone else due to COVID-19 precautions, including a child whose school, place of care, or child care is closed or unavailable. Link: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/interpretive-notice-formal-opinions-infos>

Students should check their school emails for information about picking up any school items and remote-learning expectations. WE will also send out information on breakfast and lunch pick-up If you have further questions, please contact Darcy Garretson, 970.774.6111, or your local public health agency, Northern Colorado Health Department 970.522.3741.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darcy Garretson'.