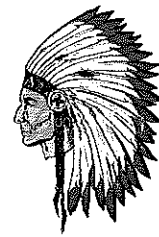


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Dear Tishomingo school family:

Yesterday afternoon, we were notified that a Tishomingo Middle School employee has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

There is nothing more important to Tishomingo Public Schools than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We have worked closely with county health officials to address this situation. We have reviewed specifics about the person's interaction with others, as well as other safety protocols that we put into place, and in consultation with county health officials we have determined that no students will need to be placed in quarantine at this time.

Additionally, Tishomingo Public Schools will continue to follow all COVID-related safety procedures, including continued deep cleaning of facilities, daily temperature checks and health logs, along with as much social distancing as possible.

As more cases are being confirmed across the state, including in our community, please remain vigilant. Monitor yourself and your family for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibits these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

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- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a cloth mask in public when you cannot socially distance.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. I encourage everyone to remain calm and to please be empathic and respectful to those affected.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of Tishomingo Public Schools.



Sincerely,
Bobby Waitman
Superintendent