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Dear Alva parents, staff and community members:

Today, we learned of a positive case of COVID-19 at Alva High School. Due to confidentiality requirements we will not be identifying the positive case. At this time, students, faculty, and staff that were in close contact with this individual have been notified and must remain home until contacted by the health department.

As more cases are being confirmed across the state, it is important to remain vigilant. 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.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- When you are unable to practice social distancing in a public setting, wear a cloth mask.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, you are encouraged to contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. 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 Alva Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Tim Argo
Superintendent

