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Parents and Balmorhea Community,

Balmorhea ISD has been notified that an employee who works for Balmorhea ISD has tested positive for COVID-19. Due to privacy requirements, we will not release the name of the individual or details that may identify the member.

This morning we did an investigation of close contact tracing and feel that the individual did not meet the definition of close contact with other individuals as defined by the CDC. We will continue to track this situation and if any changes or updates come to us, we will let the educational community know. We also disinfected all classrooms this morning prior to the arrival of staff and students to add another layer of protection to all of our individuals.

Out of an abundance of caution, we advise everyone to monitor their health, follow the CDC guidelines for people who have had close contact and contact your primary care physician if you develop symptoms. Any of the following symptoms indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

All of Balmorhea ISD's COVID-19 Response updates will be posted and sent to those impacted. Updates are posted on our website and to our social media accounts. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at jmassey@bisdbears.esc18.net or visit our website at <https://www.bisdbears.esc18.net/>

Sincerely,

John Massey
Superintendent