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NOTICE: Confirmed case of COVID-19 involving our school

Dear Parents, Staff, Faculty, and Community Members,

Yesterday we received notification that a student, staff or faculty member at Okemah Public Schools 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. The students, faculty, or staff members that were in close contact with that individual have been notified and we are following CDC guidelines and protocols set by the State Department of Health and we will continue to follow the policies and procedures outlined in the OPS District's re-opening plan. If you have not received a phone call from the school, your child has not been identified as being in close contact with the positive individual.

There has been a sharp increase of cases in our area over the last week. In an attempt to be proactive, the decision has been made to transition to a virtual learning platform to allow an opportunity to deep clean the district including all facilities and buses. This will take place from Monday October 22 until Wednesday October 24. Teachers will be available via phone, email, google classroom, zoom etc. to assist students. Students will be required to complete assignments during this time. Please continue to follow CDC guidelines to protect our community. This includes frequent handwashing, staying home when sick, social distancing while in public and wearing a mask. It is more important than ever to remain vigilant. As always, we must work together to achieve the desired outcome--.

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