



Southland Independent School District

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NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE ON CAMPUS

November 16, 2020

Parents, Community and Staff,

On Monday, November 16, 2020, Southland ISD administration was notified that an employee and 2 students at Southland School were lab confirmed to have COVID-19. In keeping with Southland ISD practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all stakeholders that the most recent individual was last on campus Friday, November 13, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name of the individuals or details that may identify him or her. The COVID positive individuals are currently self-quarantining and will complete all required COVID return to school protocols before returning to campus.

We are working with the Texas Department of State Health Services Region 1 on this matter. All staff and students that potentially came into close contact with the infected individual have already been notified. As always, Southland ISD facilities are constantly being cleaned and disinfected. All District employees and students are instructed to continue to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations by wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

We adhere to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) definition of COVID-19 close contact: In general, close contact is defined as: a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); b. being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking, ventilation, and case symptomology may affect this determination. Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptoms onset or 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming of the lab test. Anyone who is determined to have been in close contact by the health department will be notified individually when contact tracing is concluded.

While we do not have reason to believe that those who were not in close contact with the infected individual have reason to be concerned, we ask that you, as always, watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

- Temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, diarrhea, chills, loss of taste or smell, significant muscle pain or ache.

If you or any member of your family does begin experiencing any of these symptoms in a way that is not typical, we encourage you to contact your physician and keep your student home. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Toby Miller, Superintendent