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Coalgate Public Schools' Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff,

Today, we received notification that a student at Coalgate High School has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person(s) involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

Coalgate Public School is working in collaboration with the Coal County Health Department. As a result, the individuals determined to be a direct contact will be notified and asked to quarantine.

Much confusion exists over what criteria constitutes a direct contact and a secondary contact. A direct contact is an individual that has spent 15 minutes within a 24-hour time period around a person that has tested positive or has COVID-19 symptoms during that time and tests positive later. Any student or staff considered a direct contact must be quarantined for 14 days. A direct contact that has been quarantined **cannot** take a COVID-19 test at any time during the 14-day quarantine and be allowed back in school with a negative test (Oklahoma State Department of Health). With this being said, any person that feels like he or she may have COVID-19 should contact his or her primary care physician or get tested.

Any student or staff member living with a direct contact is considered a secondary contact and will need to check his or her temperature a minimum of twice daily and be aware of any COVID-19 symptoms he or she may develop. If a

temperature of 100.4 or symptoms do occur, the individual will then need to see his or her primary care physician or get tested immediately.

Our greatest priority during this time 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 time together. Thank you for your support of Coalgate Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Jack Ward

Superintendent