

# *Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2*

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Re: Notification of **Positive** COVID-19 diagnosis

Herscher School Community Unit No. 2,

The district has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our staff and students. We have become aware that (3) students at Herscher High School have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The first student received the confirmation of a positive test last Friday and the other (2) students received those results today. These three cases are not linked to one another. As a result, the district has notified and will require any individuals (staff and/or students) that are determined to be a "close contact" to quarantine at home for (14) days. The CDC defines "close contact" as "any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

The last time the COVID-19 positive individual(s) were in the school setting while they were contagious was Friday, October 16th. Please understand that we cannot disclose the name of the person(s) diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.

So far, in total this school year, the District has had (1) confirmed staff member with COVID-19 and (14) confirmed students with COVID-19. Currently, there are (4) faculty/staff members who are excluded/isolated and (65) students who are excluded/isolated from school.

Considering the diagnosis of COVID-19, all areas of the building and/or classroom(s) potentially impacted are or have been cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the recommendations from the CDC and IDPH.

**Please remember to keep your student home if they are ill for any reason.** If you have any questions, please contact your building Principal. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures as we work together to keep our students, staff and families safe and healthy.

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent

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