

Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2

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Re: **Weekly** notification of **Positive** COVID-19 diagnoses

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 during the week that (1) faculty member at Herscher Intermediate School and (1) staff member at HHS have been diagnosed with COVID-19. In addition to this, we were made aware of an additional HHS student and a student at BGS have also tested positive for COVID-19. These 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 cumulative within a 24-hour period 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 person(s) depending on which case were in the school setting while they were contagious were either Monday, October 26th or Thursday, October 29th. 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 (4) confirmed faculty/staff members with COVID-19 and (23) confirmed students with COVID-19. Currently, there are (10) faculty/staff members who are excluded/isolated and approximately (113) 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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