

## NOTIFICATION OF CLOSE CONTACT FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

### **\*\*KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE & SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY\*\*** (all other grades will continue to attend for in-person instruction)

January 10, 2020

Dear MESD Parents/Guardians:

School administration has determined that your student came into close contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19. This determination was made in collaboration with Kern County Public Health Services Department (KCPHSD) based on California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Pursuant to CDC and the CDPH guidance, close contact means within 6 feet of a positive individual for 15 minutes or more, or collectively for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. This means that your student possibly (class setting) was within 6 feet of a positive individual for longer than 15 minutes, or collectively for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Last day of possible close contact was on January 6, 2021.

#### **Your student can return to in-person instruction on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Safe quarantine means the following:**

- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19

During this time, your student will not be able to participate in in-person instruction, but will be provided with a distance learning program, as appropriate.

Please monitor the members of your household for symptoms. Some infected individuals can be completely asymptomatic while other infected individuals may experience mild to severe symptoms. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of smell or taste. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

If a household member is experiencing symptoms, all members of the household should quarantine and contact their health providers to schedule testing. It is recommended that symptomatic household members separate from others in the home, wear face masks, cover coughs and sneezes, clean hands and surfaces often and avoid sharing personal items. It is important to monitor symptoms for potential worsening. Please contact us at (661)-768-4344 if your child becomes symptomatic or tests positive while at home in quarantine.

Based on the latest guidance of the CDPH, and in conjunction with KCPHSD officials, school administration has determined that there is no need at this time to close our school. Impacted areas of campus will be disinfected in compliance with CDPH guidelines and the portions of campus impacted will not reopen until they are deemed safe for occupancy. Your student will be permitted to return to in-person instruction once the quarantine period is completed.

If you have questions or concerns about this information, please contact our office at (661)768-4344 or KCPHSD at (661) 204-1718.

Sincerely,

Al Quezada

Superintendent/Principal