

January 14, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to inform you that we have been notified about a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a member of our school community. The individual who tested positive was last on school premises on 1/13/2021. All school areas where the individual spent time will be cleaned and disinfected before they are in use again.

Our school is working with the Kern County Health Department to follow up with the case and will reach out to all persons who are identified as having had close contact with the individual to recommend home quarantine and COVID-19 testing. If you or your child are not contacted, it means that you or your child were not identified as exposed to the individual.

Due to the fact that we are a small school and in order to maintain a safe environment for all staff and students, we are returning to full distance learning from Friday, January 15th – Friday, January 29th. In-person classes will resume on Monday, February 1st in the new 3rd quarter classes. The school office, food service, and the resource center will remain open during this time.

If you are a parent/guardian, please remind your child to use their face covering, stay at least 6 feet from other people, and wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested. However, many infected people do not develop symptoms, which is why it is recommended that exposed people be tested whether they have symptoms or not.

Ensuring the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff members is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at (661) 764-5248.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Asst. Superintendent/Principal

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