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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This weekend, the West Valley School District was notified that 4 individuals associated with the District had confirmed positive tests for Covid-19. According to the Flathead City County Health Department, the District's staff and students were in contact with an individual during the period of possible exposure. The students'/staff members' last day in school was 9/3. Close contact procedures will be handled by the Flathead County Health Department, so families will be informed by FCHD staff, likely through email.

At this time, West Valley SD is still operating and no additional restrictions are in place from the Flathead County Health Department. We are open for all staff and children not under quarantine restrictions. Please note that we will strictly adhere to privacy laws during a health pandemic outbreak and will not disclose identifiable information of those that have been affected. We recommend that any person who feels sick should seek out their medical provider for specific instructions, and individuals who are sick should stay at home.

Our schools continue to implement mitigation strategies, including hand washing, social distancing when possible, extra cleaning measures and various other measures. School officials will continue to monitor the situation and will provide further information if and when it becomes available. Please be aware that WVSD COVID-19 statistics will be available on our district website and will be updated each Friday.

For further consultation or questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the COVID-19 24-Hour Call Center at (406) 890-7272.

Flathead City/County Health guidance, these are symptoms of illness to stay home with:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle ache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or congestion
- You should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school
- If symptoms last more than 48 hours you should consult a physician

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