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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As of today, the West Valley School District was notified that 24 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' have had various last days in school. Close contact procedures will be handled by the Flathead County Health Department and West Valley SD, so families will be informed by the school first and then the FCHD staff, likely through email. WVS will send home a letter informing of the close contact and date they can return. [School Letter for Students under 12 Years of Age](#)

We have had multiple confirmed cases in second grade and 4th grade, so please if your child is experiencing symptoms, get them tested ASAP.

At this time, West Valley SD is still operating, children under the age of 12, will have mandatory quarantine and there will be a letter sent home informing parents of the close contact quarantine. At this time children 12 and older quarantining is strongly encouraged.(advised) 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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