

OCOSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Wildcat Families,

Last week there were students that tested positive for Covid-19 in the elementary school and on a bus. On Friday afternoon, Grays Harbor County Public Health determined that a second classroom would need to move to remote learning for two weeks. This decision was made after the school day, and parents were contacted over the weekend.

On Monday, the district and health department determined that if a third class at the elementary were to close, we would then have to have the entire school return to remote learning. This could also happen if we see a marked increase in Covid-19 cases at the elementary school.

Each day we are closely watching our case counts and keeping in daily contact with Grays Harbor County Public Health. We have begun preparing technology for students if we must return to remote learning. We know that remote learning can be a hardship on families, and we are working to keep our classrooms open. At this time, meal delivery is not available based on our nutrition plan with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Please remember to keep your children home if they have any symptoms of Covid-19. Our link to requirements for symptoms can be found at https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1543147/Student_symptom_flow_chart.pdf

The school is offering a test to stay protocol for students that are a close contact, and not part of a classroom closure. After a student has been a close contact, they can take a PCR test 5-7 days after the close contact. When the PCR test returns, and if it is negative, the student can take a daily rapid test and return to the classroom. Parents would need to bring the student to school each morning for testing. Please contact Kimberly Stoll-French for more information on this protocol to determine if this is appropriate for your student.

There is testing available at the district office. Please contact Kimberly at kstollfrench@ocosta.org to get the link to register and an appointment time.

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The district has posted a Frequently Asked Question document on our webpage.

https://coredocs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1543533/Ocosta_COVID_19_FAQ.pdf

Sincerely,

Heather Sweet