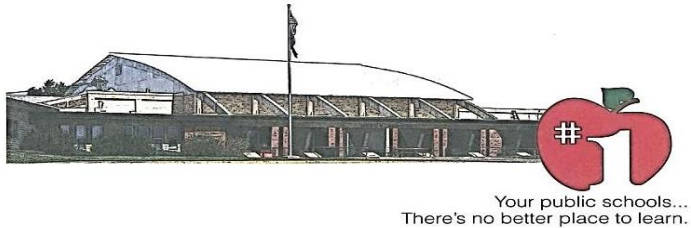


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September 24, 2021

Dear Staff and Families of Dufur School,

Recently, we learned that two additional people in Dufur school have tested positive for COVID-19. As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response. We are working closely with North Central Public Health to respond to this news, protect the health of our community and maintain education opportunities for the affected individuals.

Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, we have followed the following steps:

1. Notified the parents of students and staff members who have come in close contact with the individuals who tested positive as soon as we confirmed the positive test results.
2. Those individuals who did have an exposure were asked to quarantine for 10 days. Drive-up testing for asymptomatic students will be offered for that group at the school on September 27th, from 9-11 a.m. Parents of students with symptoms should consult their primary care provider right away, letting them know of the close contact.
3. If you did not receive a call from the school, contact tracing protocol established that you or your child were not exposed.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through vaccinations for those who are eligible, wearing face coverings, physical distancing and to practice good health hygiene habits. Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise, and eat healthy food. Wearing cloth face coverings reduces the spread of viruses and helps prevent those who have the virus, but do not have symptoms, from passing it to others.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy.

More information can be found on [the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools, Safe Learners page](#), [the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page](#).

If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Kamala Malcolm.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Jack K. Henderson