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Dear Mound City R-2 Students, Parents, and Staff:

The health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff is always our top priority especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to sharing information related to the pandemic as openly as possible.

We have learned that two students tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. Due to health privacy laws and respect for privacy, we are unable to release the names of the individuals. We now are taking additional precautions to protect the health and safety of our students and employees:

- We will follow any and all recommendations from the Holt County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Cleaning and sanitation efforts will be maintained.
- Mound City R-2 and Holt County Health Department will contact-trace and notify the families of any student who may have been in close contact.

We urge you to continue to self-monitor for any symptoms related to COVID-19. In the event symptoms are present, we advise you to self-quarantine and seek medical diagnosis/testing as applicable. Please continue to wash hands regularly, use hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing.

It is very important for parents/guardians to understand if your child is not feeling well or sick, please take precaution and do not send them to school. Monitor the student to check for symptoms or take them to the doctor before sending them. We want to limit exposure to the best of our ability. This is a very challenging time for all of us, please understand that difficult decisions have to be made regarding quarantine. We fully cooperate with the Holt County Health Department and CDC Guidelines when making these decisions.

DESE does have test to return options available for students that are close contacts and are asymptomatic (home tests are not valid for this option). If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact me at 660.442.3737. The Mound City R-2 School Board has approved the Test To Stay Option for students that are close contacts and asymptomatic, however we do not have the test kids available at this time. More information will be shared as soon it is available.

Sincerely,

Mr. Korey Miles, Superintendent