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SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT 97J

Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach Their Greatest Potential
Siuslaw Elementary School ♦ Siuslaw Middle School ♦ Siuslaw High School

Letter to Staff and Families: Cases of COVID-19 in School

January 13, 2022

Dear Staff & Families of Siuslaw High School,

Recently we have learned that students at Siuslaw High 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 Lane County Public Health to respond to this news and protect the health of our community and maintain education opportunities for the affected individuals.

Any individuals that may have been exposed have already been notified by the office directly to begin isolation and monitor for symptoms, pending follow-up with school administrators or health staff.

Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, the high school will follow the following steps:

1. Informing staff and families via this letter that will be posted to the website of the District, as well as a phone call to homes to those that were in contact with the individual.
2. In the event of additional cases that would cause further delays, staff and families will be notified through an update on the website, with an automated phone call.

As stated in previous potential exposure notices, common areas and high touch surfaces of the school building have been cleaned and sanitized through solution contact cleaning. Any other occupied areas are being disinfected with an electrostatic disinfection sprayer, in addition to the solution contact cleaning.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through wearing face coverings, physical distancing and to practice good health hygiene habits. It is due to the use of vaccines, well-fitting mask or face covering, physical distancing and other regular mitigation practices within the school that exposures leading to isolation are limited. Being up to date with vaccination and boosted after initial vaccination help to reduce the time frame of quarantine – [please see the CDC definitions of 'up to date with vaccination' thru this link.](#)

To ensure the health and safety of everyone, no one should report to school when actively ill. The general illness guidelines state that people should not come to school unless they are symptom free for 24 hours (no fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.).

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](#), and the [OHA-ODE School Health Advisory for Continuation of Instruction memo](#) for January, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the District office or the school principal.

Respectfully,

Andrew S. Grzeskowiak
Superintendent, Siuslaw SD 97J