

# Lockney Independent School District

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August 19, 2020

On Wednesday, August 19th, 2020, we were notified that one of our staff members tested positive for COVID-19. Our friend tested within twenty-four hours of the onset of symptoms and received results quickly. This individual has been in self-isolation since Sunday, August 16th. Close contact or direct exposure to other faculty, staff, or students was minimized due to the self-isolation measures that were in practice. All parties meeting the criteria for exposure have been notified and are now self-isolated. Superintendent of Schools, Jim Baum, contacted Judge Marty Lucke to inform him of the lab-confirmed case then contacted the Texas Department of State Health Services. Again, this proves that contact tracing and self-isolation are effective strategies in limiting exposure in our community. We continue to encourage all staff members, students, and community members to closely monitor their health and to accurately self-screen utilizing the CDC guidelines. This employee's discipline to self isolate and initiate a quick response to the symptoms prevented further exposure and illness.

- I. Initial Notification of Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 Test Result
  - A. Tuesday, August 18th: On August 18th, the employee recognized very mild symptoms and scheduled a COVID.
  - B. Wednesday, August 19th: The employee continued to exhibit very mild symptoms. The employee implemented an acute COVID-19 Test. The lab confirmed a positive result before the employee left the clinic. Upon exiting the clinic, the employee notified LISD Superintendent, Jim Baum of the positive test.
- II. Action Taken After Notification
  - A. LISD Principals and staff were notified of a confirmed positive result and informed that the staff member had been in self-isolation for the past 48 hours. All persons with exposure to the employee were sent home to self isolate. (2 people)
  - B. All work spaces associated with the employee have been sanitized.
- III. Information Dissemination

A. Wednesday, August 19th, 2020:

- a. Employee Notification of Lab-Confirmed Positive Test
- b. Superintendent Notified/Local Contact Tracing Map Initiated
- c. Staff Notice of Lab-Confirmed Case and Self-Isolation Status
- d. Judge Marty Lucke Notified of Lab-Confirmed Case
- e. Texas Department of State Health Services Notified
- f. Formal Contact Tracing Assistance Initiated with 2 additional People Identified As Having Close Contact with Lab-Confirmed Positive Individual.
- g. Remainder of Faculty/Staff is Notified of Non-Exposure Status

B. Wednesday, August 18th, 2020

- a. Public Notice of Lab-Confirmed Case is Provided
- b. Sanitation Measures are Exercised to Ensure Safety of Staff and Students

The employee had no direct contact or exposure only with family. (This includes one student and one Auxiliary Personnel) The employee had no direct contact or exposure with no other LISD faculty, staff, or student for 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms.

Lockney ISD is fully aware that we are not exempt from this pandemic. We understand the importance of our role in providing the safest environment possible for our students and staff, and we are committed to providing that environment. We will continue to do everything in our power to keep our school sanitized and safe for all. We appreciate the support of this community as we work diligently to reopen Lockney ISD for the 2020-2021 school year. We have a great faculty and staff who are eager to serve. We will get through this together.

Please remember to wash your hands often. Keep them away from your face and wear your masks. Most importantly, practice social distancing. It is our best opportunity to avoid exposure and possible isolation. Being within a six feet of COVID Positive person for a period of fifteen minutes or longer will require that you self-isolate for fourteen days. Please note that the timeframe for exposure determination begins two days prior to the onset of symptoms or a positive test. You cannot predict this onset. Practice social distancing.

Keep your distance and mind your six foot bubble.