

# Unified School District 352

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DATE: August 29, 2020  
TO: Students / Parents of USD352  
FROM: Bill Biermann *Bill Biermann*

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We have been informed by Sherman County Health Department that one of our employees working at USD 352 has a confirmed case of COVID-19, commonly known as "Coronavirus," based on test results obtained on 8-29-20. We have been working with the health department to contact trace and have notified all individuals directly if direct contact has occurred. If you have not been notified then rest assured no exposure has occurred.

All individuals identified with direct exposure have been notified and will be quarantined for 14 days from possible exposure.

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all of our students and employees and top-quality service to our community. It is in the interest of those goals that we provide this information out of an abundance of caution. **As well, we will begin classes at the JH-HS only in Tier 1.5 status on Monday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. West and North Elementary will remain Tier 1.**

Above all, stay diligent in your efforts and know that cases will develop this year - this will take efforts from all of us. Remain calm, steadfast, and resolute in doing your part to protect yourself and those around you. While there is an understandable initial shock for some at the development of the first case, we remain confident in our combined abilities to respond as the year continues forward, stay with on-site instruction as long as possible, and to keep educating our students.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you that one of our core values as a district is respect for and among our employees and students. We will treat information regarding the identity of employees and students with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 as confidential to the extent feasible and will comply with applicable laws regarding the handling of such information. Further, per District policy, we will not tolerate harassment of, or discrimination or retaliation against, employees and/or students.

Please contact Bill Biermann, Superintendent of Schools at (785) 890-2397 or [bill.biermann@usd352.org](mailto:bill.biermann@usd352.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

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