

October 31, 2020

Sherman County School Students, Families, Staff, and Community,

Today, we were notified that an individual associated with the Wiley Bus Route Cohort has been diagnosed with COVID-19. As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response. We are working closely with the North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to respond to this news and protect the health of our community. In addition, while we are not able to share personally-identifiable information, we care about keeping our school community informed.

Each situation during this pandemic calls for different protocols under the guidance of the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), OHA, and NCPHD. In this case, we will follow the following steps:

- 1. All members of the Wiley Bus Route Cohort will return to distance learning for 14 days.
- 2. Students within this cohort will return to school November 16.
- 3. All persons who were in close contact with the individual will be contacted.
- 4. All students and staff members not in the Wiley Bus Route Cohort will continue in person learning.

If there are further updates, we will communicate them directly with you while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy. The safety and well-being of the entire school community is our highest priority. We appreciate your support as we work through this challenging situation together.

Be safe.

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