

# *Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2*

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Date: 09/08/20

Re: Notification of **Positive** COVID-19 diagnosis

Herscher School Community Unit No. 2,

The district has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our staff and students. We have become aware that a student at HHS has been diagnosed with COVID-19 over the Labor Day weekend. As a result, the district has notified and will require any individuals (staff and/or students) that are determined to be a “close contact” to quarantine at home for (14) days. The CDC defines “close contact” as “any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

The last time the COVID-19 positive individual was in the school setting while they were contagious was Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please understand that we cannot disclose the name of the person(s) diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.

So far in total, the District has had (1) confirmed staff member with COVID-19, (5) confirmed students with COVID-19 and currently there are (1) faculty/staff members who are excluded/isolated and (50) students who are excluded/isolated from school.

Considering the diagnosis of COVID-19, all areas of the building and/or classroom(s) potentially impacted are or have been cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the recommendations from the CDC and IDPH.

**Please remember to keep your student home if they are ill for any reason.** If you have any questions, please contact your building Principal. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures as we work together to keep our students, staff and families safe and healthy.

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent

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