

November 15, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Employee,

As we all navigate the ever-changing dynamic of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to be presented with new challenges and the need to respond and adapt to overcome these challenges. I am continuously impressed with the actions of our students, our staff, and our school community during this time.

Today, I write to make you aware that the Morning Sun Community School District has had its first positive cases of COVID-19. The District has been working closely with local public health officials to assist with any contact tracing. Any individuals who have been identified as having “close contact” (as defined by local and state public health officials) with the individual who tested positive have received a separate communication regarding necessary procedures. If you have *not* received a separate communication, then you have *not* been identified as having “close contact” with the individual.

You are receiving this communication because we wanted to be upfront and make you aware of the situation immediately so you had an increased awareness and could respond accordingly. Upon the advice of local public health officials, we ask that parents/guardians continue to monitor their student’s health; that employees continue to monitor their own health; and that every individual remain home if they exhibit any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and any other symptoms identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) set out at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

We want to assure our school community that the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. We will continue to be diligent in following the latest guidance from local, state, and federal public health agencies to keep our community as safe as possible. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mike Peterson at 319-523-3641 or (319) 868-7701 mike.peterson@wapellocsd.org or mike.peterson@mscsd.org.

Thank you,

Mike