



Rantoul City Schools #137
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RE: Notification of a JW Eater Junior High Employee COVID-19 Positive Case

Dear Parent/Guardians:

The District has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our students and staff. We have become aware that an employee at JW Eater Jr High has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The last time the COVID-19 positive individual was in the school setting while they were possibly contagious is Thursday, November 5, 2020. The RCS Board's metrics states we move the affected classroom (A & B day students) to full remote for 14 days. The return date to in person learning is November 20, 2020. All parents of this one classroom are being contacted by phone.

We have also become aware that 2 LEARN Academy students who attend volleyball drills have tested positive. **We are re-evaluating our volleyball drills to ensure 6 ft social distancing as much as possible when drills resume after November 19, 2020.**

Besides the volleyball students (16 attend in person BlendEd Academy), no other JW Eater students or staff may be at higher risk due to "close contact" with the persons diagnosed with COVID-19.

For COVID-19, the CDC defines a "[close contact](#)" as "someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

In light of the positive COVID-19 case, we ask that you do the following:

- Monitor your student for symptoms and do temperature checks at least twice daily for 14 days after the last exposure to the infected person while they were contagious.
- Consult with your student's physician or health care provider for evaluation and about the need for testing if your student develops symptoms.

To assist you in this, please be aware that the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a fever, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle aches, new onset of a severe headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea and/or vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms usually develop between 2 to 14 days after the last exposure. However, some infected persons never develop symptoms. For additional information please see: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

As a reminder, always keep your student at home if they are ill for any reason. If you have any questions, please contact me. 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.

Sincerely,

Scott Woods
JW Eater Jr High Principal

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