



# SOUTHSIDE

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 20

Dear Parent/Guardian and Staff Member,

In keeping with Southside ISD practice to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all families and staff of \_\_\_\_\_ **(school)** that \_\_\_ (#) individual(s) who was/were on campus has/have been lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. The employees/students were present on the campus on \_\_\_\_\_, **20**\_\_\_\_. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name(s) of the individual(s) or details that may identify him or her.

After careful review, it was determined that the COVID-positive person had close contact with a limited number of students and staff members, therefore, only those involved in this exposure will be notified. Southside ISD staff notified individual employees and parents/guardians of students who were determined to have been in close contact with the infected person. Close contacts will not be required to quarantine and are advised to get PCR (COVID) tested 5 days after exposure. If positive or symptomatic, a 5 day isolation period will begin at home, then a recommended 5 days with a mask at school/work if no fever, no diarrhea, no coughing). We will keep you apprised of further updates.

While we do not have reason to believe that those who were not in close contact with the infected individual have reason to be concerned, we ask that you, as always, watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

### **Any of the following symptoms could indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:**

- The temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- Loss of taste or smell;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.
- Allergies not resolved with medication.

If you or any member of the Southside ISD community does begin experiencing any of these symptoms, we encourage you to contact your physician. We also strongly encourage anyone in the Southside ISD community who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to please notify our school by contacting (210) 882-16\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your physician or school nurse or visit our website at [www.southsideisd.org](http://www.southsideisd.org).

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