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RE: School-Wide Notification of a Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that a student or staff member at Elida High School has been diagnosed with COVID-19. We are working with the Allen County Health Department to prevent the spread of this disease. Those who have been identified as close contacts will be communicated with and provided guidance. If you or your student has not been individually communicated with other than this letter, it is unlikely that you or your student were identified as a close contact. Those students/staff who share classroom or other space with this individual will receive a letter notifying them of this event.

A close contact is generally defined as being within 6 feet of an infectious person for 15 minutes or more. However, other factors may play a role in determining if someone is a close contact.

If you were not identified as a close contact, please continue to monitor for symptoms associated with COVID-19. Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you or your student have any of these symptoms or they develop, please do NOT go to school or work.

Please contact your healthcare provider for evaluation. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact the Allen County Public Health at 419-228-4457.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Katie Sarno at (419) 331-4115.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keep our community safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Mengerink". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joel Mengerink
Superintendent