

SOUTHWESTERN

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

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Sunday, September 13, 2020

RE: Notification of a COVID-19 Positive Case

Dear Staff & Parents/Guardians of Southwestern CUSD #9,

The District has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our students and staff. It was confirmed today, Sunday, September 13, 2020, that a student at Southwestern High School has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The last time the COVID-19 positive student was in the school setting was Thursday September 10, 2020. In conjunction with the Jersey County Health Department, the Southwestern School District is contacting the staff and families of those students who were in close contact with the positive student. For COVID-19, the CDC defines a “[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.” Any individuals who were in close contact with the student diagnosed with COVID-19 outside of the school will receive a separate notification from the local Health Department. Please understand that we cannot disclose any further information regarding the person diagnosed with COVID-19.

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 us at 372-3813. 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,

Kyle M. Hacke
Superintendent