

# Agua Dulce Independent School District

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## NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE ON SECONDARY CAMPUS

November 10, 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

In keeping with Agua Dulce ISD's practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all student families that a STUDENT who was lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 was present on the campus of Agua Dulce Secondary on November 9, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name of the individual or details that may identify him or her.

The school district has begun a case investigation and will contact any individuals determined to be in close contact with the infected individual. All students and staff that came into close contact will be directly notified no later than November 10, 2020 at 3:30PM. Those that were in close contact will remain off campus for up to 14 days to ensure they do not have the virus. Individuals cannot test and come back to school, they must be out for 14 days. I am attaching the letter from the Nueces County Health Department that explains the new criteria. 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, to watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

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

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- 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.

If you or any member of the Agua Dulce Secondary community does begin experiencing any of these symptoms in a way that is not typical, we encourage you to contact your physician. We encourage anyone in the Agua Dulce Secondary community who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to please notify our school by contacting (361) 998-2335.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to (361) 998-2542.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent



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## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

11/06/2020

Dear Independent School Districts,

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented pandemic, we continue to identify cases, and contact trace cases, through this letter the Health Department is providing further guidance to aspects of prevention protocols in order to ensure everyone's safety. As such, the Health District would like your assurance that the following practices are strictly and without exception implemented within your Prevention Plans:

1. For students or employees who are confirmed COVID-19 positive, 10 Day Isolation Period is Required prior to returning to campus, no student or employee can test out & come back before the required 10 days. Their symptoms must be improving, and they must be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of reducing medications before they are allowed back to school.
2. ANY individual within the household of a student or employee who is confirmed COVID-19 positive must complete the 14-day quarantine period prior to returning to campus. That includes others within the household students who must also quarantine, even in the absence of symptoms. No one can test out of quarantine as the incubation period for COVID-19 is still between 2 to 14 days.
3. Wearing masks has no relevance on determining whether they were a close contact to a positive case. Anyone who was in close proximity for an extended period of time (10 minutes or more & can be cumulative time over 24 hour time period) must quarantine regardless of wearing a mask.

The Health District thanks all School Districts for the relentless effort in controlling this pandemic as we strive to maintain low COVID-19 cases. I am certain that together we can keep our community and our children safe during this pandemic. Please contact any of the contacts listed on this letter if you have any questions as we are ready to assist you.

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