Chatfield Elementary School

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Dear Chatfield Family:

We want to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing was conducted to determine close contacts (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more). Close contacts have received a letter from Mesa County Public Health with further instructions for the student to quarantine. Everyone else in the classroom or department who might have been exposed to the positive case has received an exposure (low risk) letter from Mesa County Public Health. Low-risk exposures do NOT need to quarantine. If you have not received either of these letters, then your student was not identified as a person at risk from this positive case, and school will continue as normal for your student.

We have provided some answers to common questions below. If you have any questions beyond what's listed, please contact me at 970-254-4930 or heather.hollar@d51schools.org. Please note that we are not able to disclose specific information about the case. We will address questions and concerns as best we can, and appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

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Common Questions

- **Will the whole school close because of the positive COVID-19 case?**

  In most cases, only a portion of a class or cohort will need to quarantine. Closing a school due to COVID-19 will only happen in unusual cases, and at the direction of Mesa County Public Health.

- **I have more than one student at the same school. Do they all need to quarantine?**

  No. The letter you receive with the quarantine instructions will specify which student should quarantine.

- **I have students at other schools, will they need to quarantine also?**

  No. Only the student specified in the MCPH letter you receive will need to quarantine.

- **Will my student fall behind in lessons while in quarantine?**

  Teachers will work with your student to make sure they stay on track with assignments and lessons remotely while in quarantine.

- **If my child gets a negative test result while quarantined, can they come back to school?**

  No. Students must complete the entire 14-day quarantine. The letter will have the date when students can return.

- **My student tested positive for COVID-19, but is feeling okay and not showing symptoms. Can they return to school?**

  No. Anyone who tests positive must wait the entire isolation period (10 days) and not have any remaining symptoms before returning.

- **Why are so many students from the bus in quarantine?**

  Because we cannot socially distance on a bus, more students from the bus might be quarantined than from the classroom.

- **What is an outbreak?**

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment revised their classification and now defines 4+ positive cases of COVID-19 in a single building as an outbreak. Outbreaks are listed on the CDPHE website.