



Leonard Independent School District

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Dear LHS Parents, Students, and Staff,

As part of Leonard ISD's practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all student families and staff at Leonard High School that the district has been notified that a staff member, who has now been lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, was present on the high school campus on Monday, August 24.

Due to privacy requirements, we are unable to release the name of the individual or details that may identify him or her. LISD is working closely with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and is following TEA guidelines regarding the procedures of a lab-confirmed case which includes thoroughly sanitizing the campus with our electromagnetic disinfectant sprayers.

If any individuals are determined to have been in close contact with the infected individual, the parent or staff member will be notified by LISD personnel by the end of the school day when possible. Close contact is defined by TEA as: a). being directly exposed to infectious secretions (being coughed on, sneezed on, etc.) or b). being within 6 feet for a cumulative of 15 minutes; additional factors like case/contact mask wear (both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination. When a lab-confirmed positive case arises, anyone determined to be in close contact will remain off campus for up to two weeks to ensure that they cannot expose others in order to mitigate the spread. If any student requires self-isolation, he or she will then transition to remote learning so they will be able to continue the learning process during this time.

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 advise you to monitor your health and notify your primary care physician if you develop symptoms.

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

- Temperature of at least 100.0° or chills
- Unusual sore throat
- New, uncontrolled cough causing difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches or fatigue

- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath

For additional information regarding DSHS approved test sites in our area, please follow the link below:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2ec47819f57c40598a4eaf45bf9e0d16>

LISD will continue to work with our local and state health officials to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Staff and students (with assistance from the parent) should continue to self-check for symptoms each morning prior to coming to school and report any symptoms or close contacts with lab-confirmed individuals to their campus office or to our school nurses Nancy Zachary, zacharyn@leonardisd.net (903) 587-2316, ext. 230 or Leah Thompson, thompsonls@leonardisd.net (903) 587-2315, ext. 502. We must all work together to ensure our school and community members remain safe and healthy. Leonard ISD will actively monitor this situation and will provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,



Brad Maxwell
LISD Superintendent