



Ellensburg School District #401

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Dear parents and staff,

The health and safety of our students is our priority. ESD was informed on Sunday of a positive case of COVID-19 at Ellensburg High School by Kittitas County Public Health Department. When there is a positive COVID 19 case and a student or staff was at school, the District works together with Kittitas County Public Health Department to implement contact tracing to identify the staff and students who are considered as close contacts.

As a result of the contact tracing done yesterday, each person who was considered as a close contact has been notified by the Kittitas County Public Health Department, directed to stay home and quarantine. We continue to consult with Kittitas County Public Health Department, and no further action is needed by the District at this time. During this pandemic, we appreciate your help in extending kindness to those who may be affected by this incident.

Even if your child is not identified as a close contact, you should watch for signs and [symptoms](#) of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, headache, body aches, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Some people have mild to no symptoms. Some experience serious illness. The average time after exposure to develop symptoms is about 5 days, but symptoms can appear anywhere between 2 and 14 days after exposure (the incubation period). If your child develops any COVID-19 symptoms, contact your health care provider and request the child be tested for COVID-19. If you have questions, or need testing contact the KVH COVID-19 Clinic at **(509) 933- 8850**.

The pandemic may last many more months. Your actions will affect how well our community prevents the spread of the virus. Everyone should take these steps:

- Stay close to home.
- Wear a mask when you leave home.
- Limit your interactions to a small circle of friends and family.
- Keep gatherings small, and outside if possible where fresh air circulates.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others. Wear a mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet social distancing.
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you are experiencing symptoms.
- Wash your hands, cover your cough, and keep up your best hygiene and sanitation.

For more information about COVID-19, visit <https://www.kittitasemergency.org/>.

Sincerely,

Jinger Haberer, Superintendent of ESD

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