

## HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Hatch Valley Public Schools Parents, Students and Staff,

In our continued effort to keep our parents, staff and community informed, I want to share that Hatch Valley Public Schools was notified on October 11 that a staff member who works at **Hatch Elementary** has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

The staff member is currently self-quarantining at home. The district has implemented our response protocols and currently conducting contact tracing. Other staff members who were in contact with this individual have been notified so they may monitor their health in consultation with their medical provider.

**In the interests of the health and safety of our entire community, employees are required to adhere to state and district safety measures and follow the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines and recommendations that include screening all employees before entering the building, wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, and following good hygiene practices. These measures are especially important given the spike in positive cases the Hatch Valley is experiencing.**

In closing, it is imperative that we be sensitive and understanding of those that have been directly impacted by the virus, and that we all continue to work together to ensure our community members remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Chávez

Superintendent of Schools