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## NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE ON CAMPUS

November 18, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In keeping with Spearman ISD's practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all student families that an individual member who was lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 was last present on the campus of Gus Birdwell Elementary School on November 17, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name of the individual or details that may identify him or her.

We are working closely with the local health department on this matter. After careful review, we have determined that the COVID-positive person did not meet the criteria for close contact with students or staff. Operations at Gus Birdwell Elementary will continue as usual, and we will keep you apprised of further updates.

Upon receiving notification of a positive COVID-19 case, the Spearman ISD administration directed the custodial staff to initiate the additional cleaning protocols that are outlined in our Safe Return to School document posted on the Spearman ISD website. Spearman ISD is committed to keeping our parents informed of all measures that are being taken to keep all staff and students safe.

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, watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

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

- Temperature of 100.0 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 Gus Birdwell Elementary community does begin experiencing any of these symptoms in a way that is not typical, we encourage you to contact your physician or call the Hansford County Hospital District COVID-19 hotline at 659-1125. We encourage anyone in the Gus Birdwell Elementary School community who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to please notify our school by contacting the school nurse 659-5067.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [dan.gist@region16.net](mailto:dan.gist@region16.net) or visit our website at [spearmanisd.net](http://spearmanisd.net).

Sincerely,

Dan R. Gist

Superintendent, Spearman ISD

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## NOTIFICACIÓN DEL CASO COVID-19 CONFIRMADO EN EL CAMPUS

18 de noviembre 2020

Estimado padre / tutor,

De acuerdo con las prácticas de Spearman ISD para responder a COVID-19, estamos notificando a todas las familias de estudiantes que personas al que se le confirmó en un laboratorio que tiene COVID-19 y estuvo presente en el campus de Gus Birdwell Elementary el 17 de noviembre de 2020. Debido a los requisitos de privacidad, no daremos a conocer el nombre de la persona ni los detalles que puedan identificarla.

Estamos trabajando en estrecha colaboración con el departamento de salud local en este asunto. Después de una revisión cuidadosa, hemos determinado que la persona con COVID positivo no cumplió con los criterios de contacto cercano con los estudiantes o el personal. Las operaciones en Gus Birdwell Elementary continuarán como de costumbre y lo mantendremos informado de las actualizaciones adicionales.

Si bien no tenemos motivos para creer que aquellos que no estuvieron en contacto cercano con la persona infectada tenga motivos para estar preocupados, le pedimos que, como siempre, esté atento a los síntomas del COVID-19.

### **Cualquiera de los siguientes síntomas indica una posible infección por COVID-19:**

- Temperatura de 100.0 grados Fahrenheit o más alta cuando se toma por vía oral;
- Dolor de garganta;
- Tos nueva incontrolada que causa dificultad para respirar (o, para los estudiantes con tos crónica alérgica / asmática, un cambio en su tos desde el inicio);
- Diarrea, vómitos o dolor abdominal; o
- Nueva aparición de dolor de cabeza intenso, especialmente con fiebre.

Si usted o cualquier miembro de la Gus Birdwell Elementary comunidad comienza a experimentar alguno de estos síntomas de una manera que no es típica, le recomendamos que se comunique con su médico o llame a la línea directa COVID-19 del distrito hospitalario del condado de Hansford al 659-1125. Alentamos a cualquier persona de la Gus Birdwell Elementary comunidad que esté confirmada por laboratorio de tener COVID-19 a que notifique a nuestra escuela comunicándose con la enfermera de la escuela 659-5067.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese con [dan.gist@region16.net](mailto:dan.gist@region16.net) o visite nuestro sitio web en [spearmanisd.net](http://spearmanisd.net).

Sinceramente,

Dan R. Gist II  
Superintendent, Spearman ISD