

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 that a staff member who works at **Hatch Valley High School** has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

The staff member is currently self-quarantining at home under the care of their physician. The district has implemented our response protocols and currently conducting contact tracing. The employee experienced exposure during the four-day holiday weekend and has not returned to work. There was no risk to the district.

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