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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Houston County High COVID-19 Case**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District was notified today, July 8, that a Houston County High School employee has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee has recently been in an area where student athletes were present. As a safety precaution, individuals who had contact with this employee have been notified by the school of a potential exposure to COVID.

The District continues to work closely with the local health department, which will investigate and conduct contact tracing. As required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, information about the health of this employee cannot be shared.

The safety of students and employees is the district's number one priority. The area will undergo deep cleaning and disinfecting prior to further use. As an extra precaution, football workouts at the school have been suspended until July 20, 2020.

School officials will continue to follow appropriate procedures as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). For more information about COVID-19, please visit the CDC website or contact the Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 hotline at (844) 442-2681.

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