

HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Hatch Valley Public Schools Parents and Staff,

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

The staff member is currently self-quarantining at home under the care of their physician. Response protocols have been initiated by the district and are currently conducting contact tracing. There was no risk to the district as the employee has not been in the district and has been working remotely since early October.

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