

HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Hatch Valley Public Schools Staff,

In our continued effort to keep our staff informed, I want to share that Hatch Valley Public Schools was notified that four staff members who work at **Hatch Valley High School, Garfield Elementary, and Central Office** tested positive for the COVID-19 virus over the holiday break.

The staff members are currently self-quarantining at home under the care of their physician. There was no risk to the district as each staff member contracted the virus during the holiday break.

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 self-screening and reporting of all employees before entering the building, wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, and following good hygiene practices.

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