



February 9, 2021

Dear West Cottonwood Parents/Guardian:

The health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority. **This letter is to inform you that an individual at West Cottonwood Jr. High has tested positive for COVID-19.** The last date of known exposure at the school was Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**While our investigation did not identify your child as having close contact with the individual during the infectious period,** we want to maintain transparent communication with families. Due to the potential of exposure to COVID-19 that we all face in the community, please continue to monitor your student for symptoms and keep them home if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms: fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. If your child develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider will determine if your child needs a COVID-19 test.

We are working closely with Shasta County Public Health to take the necessary steps to protect our community and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in school. If you have any health-related questions, please contact your healthcare provider. If you have any school related questions, please contact your COVID-19 School Liaison, Cathy Armstrong, or myself. Additional resources can be found at:

- Shasta County COVID-19 information (news, testing, data, and more): [www.shastaready.org](http://www.shastaready.org)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
  - Symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
  - K-12 School and Child Care Programs: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools-faq.html>

Thank you for your flexibility and ongoing support of safety measures that allow our students to continue to learn. The health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Terri Wright, Principal  
West Cottonwood Jr. High School