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## NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE ON CAMPUS

October 21, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In keeping with Spearman ISD's practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all student families that an individual who was lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 was present on the campus of Gus Birdwell Elementary on October 19, 2020 and October 20, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name of the individuals or details that may identify him or her.

The local health department has begun a case investigation and will contact any individuals determined to be in close contact with the infected individual. All students and staff that came into close contact will be directly notified. Those that were in close contact will remain off campus for up to 14 days to ensure they do not have the virus, so that there will not be any further spread. We will keep you apprised of further updates.

Upon receiving notification of a positive COVID-19 case, the Spearman ISD administration directed the custodial staff to initiate the additional cleaning protocols that are outlined in our Safe Return to School document posted on the Spearman ISD website. Spearman ISD is committed to keeping our parents informed of all measures that are being taken to keep all staff and students safe.

While we do not have reason to believe that those who were not in close contact with the infected individual have reason to be concerned, we ask that you, as always, watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

### **Any of the following symptoms indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:**

- Temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

If you or any member of the Gus Birdwell Elementary community does begin experiencing any of these symptoms in a way that is not typical, we encourage you to contact your physician or call the Hansford County Hospital District COVID-19 hotline at 659-1125. We encourage anyone in the Gus Birdwell Elementary community who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to please notify our school by contacting the school nurse 659-5067. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [dan.gist@region16.net](mailto:dan.gist@region16.net) or visit our website at [spearmanisd.net](http://spearmanisd.net).

Sincerely,

Dan R. Gist II

Spearman ISD Superintendent.

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## NOTIFICACIÓN DEL CASO COVID-19 CONFIRMADO EN EL CAMPUS

21 de octubre de 2020

Estimado padre / tutor,

De acuerdo con las prácticas de Spearman ISD para responder a COVID-19, estamos notificando a todas las familias de estudiantes que una persona al que se le confirmó en un laboratorio que tiene COVID-19 y estuvo presente en el campus de Gus Birdwell Elementary el 19 de octubre de 2020 y 20 de octubre de 2020. Debido a los requisitos de privacidad, no daremos a conocer el nombre de la persona ni los detalles que puedan identificarla.

El departamento de salud local ha comenzado una investigación de caso y se comunicara con cualquier persona que se determine que ha estado en contacto cercano con la persona infectada. Todos los estudiantes y el personal que estuvieron en contacto cercano serán notificados directamente. Aquellos que estuvieron en contacto cercano permanecerán fuera del campus hasta por 14 días para asegurarse de que no tengan el virus, de modo que no haya más propagación. Le mantendremos informado de futuras actualizaciones.

Si bien no tenemos motivos para creer que aquellos que no estuvieron en contacto cercano con la persona infectada tenga motivos para estar preocupados, le pedimos que, como siempre, esté atento a los síntomas del COVID-19.

### **Cualquiera de los siguientes síntomas indica una posible infección por COVID-19:**

- Temperatura de 100.0 grados Fahrenheit o más alta cuando se toma por vía oral;
- Dolor de garganta;
- Tos nueva incontrolada que causa dificultad para respirar (o, para los estudiantes con tos crónica alérgica / asmática, un cambio en su tos desde el inicio);
- Diarrea, vómitos o dolor abdominal; o
- Nueva aparición de dolor de cabeza intenso, especialmente con fiebre.

Si usted o cualquier miembro de la Gus Birdwell Elementary comunidad comienza a experimentar alguno de estos síntomas de una manera que no es típica, le recomendamos que se comunique con su médico o llame a la línea directa COVID-19 del distrito hospitalario del condado de Hansford al 659-1125. Alentamos a cualquier persona de la Gus Birdwell Elementary comunidad de que tenga confirmación del laboratorio de tener COVID-19 de notificar a nuestra escuela comunicándose con la enfermera de la escuela al 659-5067.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese con [dan.gist@region16.net](mailto:dan.gist@region16.net) o visite nuestro sitio web en [spearmanisd.net](http://spearmanisd.net).

Atentamente,

Dan R. Gist

Superintendente de Spearman ISD