



# El Tejon Unified School District

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## NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Dear Staff, Parents/Guardians and/or Stakeholders:

We want to make you aware that we were notified today that a few individuals in our district community have tested positive for COVID-19. Due to privacy laws, we are limited in the information we can provide related to the impacted individual. We urge you to also respect the privacy of our students and staff.

Staff members and/or students/parents that may have come into close contact (i.e., within 6 feet of a positive individual for longer than 15 minutes, or collectively for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with the positive individual have been contacted with proper procedures.

**If you were not separately contacted, you or your child have not been identified as a close contact, and therefore, are not considered to have been exposed to COVID-19.** Exposure is determined through contact tracing completed by Kern County Public Health Department (KCPHSD) after initial information regarding the positive individual is obtained by school personnel and provided to KCPHSD.

As you may know, some infected individuals can be completely asymptomatic while other infected individuals may experience mild to severe symptoms. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of smell or taste. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

Please monitor the members of your household for symptoms. If anyone is experiencing symptoms, all household members should quarantine and contact their health providers to schedule testing or complete testing at one of the free COVID-19 testing sites available in Kern County.<sup>1</sup> It is recommended that symptomatic household members separate from others in the home, wear a face mask, cover coughs and sneezes, clean hands and surfaces often and avoid sharing personal items. It is important to monitor symptoms for potential worsening. Please immediately report any positive test in the household to our secretaries or administration.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/covid-19-testing-sites/covid-19-testing-sites-english>

Impacted areas of campus will be disinfected in compliance with CDPH guidelines before students return to those areas. Students will be permitted to return to in-person instruction once their respective applicable quarantine periods have been completed.

We know this information is concerning. We are working with our district health team, KCPHSD, and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools to continue monitoring the situation. We are following all public health guidelines strictly and we are committed to providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy school environment.

If you have questions or concerns about this information, please contact our office at 661-248-6247. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support of our COVID-19 prevention protocols and procedures that help us to protect our students, staff and families.

Sincerely,

Sara Haflich

ETUSD Superintendent