



Jefferson Independent School District

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Dear Parents/Staff:

Jefferson Independent School District (“the District”) was notified today that a female JISD employee has exhibited symptoms which are synonymous or commonly associated with the COVID-19 virus. The employee participated in the distribution of student meals as of yesterday. Based on the information made available to the District, this employee has sought medical attention from her physician. Her doctor told her that her fever is a result of an infection she has and indicated she could return to work. They do not intend to test for the COVID-19 virus at this time. However, we will not allow this employee to return to work unless we get results of a negative test for COVID-19 or until 14 days have passed while the employee self-quarantines. If we are informed this employee is tested for coronavirus in the future, I intend to relay that information to you and others, as appropriate.

Although we disinfect all vehicles and work areas daily, the vehicle in which the employee traveled during the meal distributions has been removed from District use until it can be intensely sanitized. It is believed the employee has not been in close contact with students or other members of the community. Laws governing confidentiality do not permit the District to release any names of employees or others who may be infected or have other health-related issues.

The District follows all CDC guidelines relating to staff exposure to illnesses, including the mandatory quarantine of all District personnel who test positive, exhibit symptoms, or have been in close contact with anyone who is sick or exhibiting symptoms.

Out of an abundance of caution, we advise you to monitor your health and follow the CDC guidelines if you have had close contact with anyone who is sick or exhibits symptoms. You should contact your primary care physician if you develop symptoms.

The District continues to monitor this situation and will provide additional information as needed. We hope for a successful recovery for our Jefferson I.S.D. staff member and anyone else in our community who may be dealing with any health related issues. Please continue to be diligent and follow all healthy protocols and procedures that are recommended by medical professionals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Barnwell', is written over a white background.

Rob Barnwell, Superintendent of Schools