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We had notification of a presumptive positive case of COVID-19 within a grade level at the Elementary Campus. Parents of the students within that grade level have been notified by the campus principal. We have reason to believe that exposure could be minimal as the staff member wears a mask when in contact with students. We encourage you to keep a close eye on your student for any symptoms and consult a physician if your child exhibits symptoms related to COVID-19.

As I keep in close contact and seek guidance from local health officials, we understand that people are looking for definitive answers for each scenario associated with COVID-19. In dealing with each scenario there is not a one size fits all solution for each case as each scenario presents different aspects and challenges. Clarendon CISD, along with guidance from local health officials, seeks to keep the health and safety of our students and faculty at the forefront with minimal disruption to the educational process as well as that of our families. We want to work in concert with our parents and offer choices when the opportunity presents itself with different COVID-19 scenarios as we navigate this unpredictable virus.

Quarantining an individual or individuals will be based on the request of a physician or the determination of Clarendon CISD with input from local health officials. If your student's grade level has been at risk of exposure, you will be notified by the campus principal and apprised of the plan for that particular scenario. Otherwise, "self-quarantining" should not occur and students should continue to receive face to face in person instruction unless advised by a doctor or is part of Clarendon CISD's mitigation plan for exposure scenarios. Remote learning is now only available to students testing positive for COVID-19 or quarantined due to determined close contact to a person testing positive for COVID-19. Clarendon CISD will continue to serve those students with a quality education during their time away from the district and look forward to their return.

Please continue to encourage good hand washing practices, the use of hand sanitizer, social distancing, and even the use of masks if the grade level of your child does not require it. The local clinic now has the ability to administer the rapid COVID-19 antigen test. We feel like this will help mitigate the spread if we can determine possible contact points within Clarendon CISD.

As always, we appreciate you allowing us to educate your children and thank you for working with us throughout this pandemic. It takes all of us to ensure the success of the district and we are glad you are our partners.

Respectfully,
Jarod Bellar