November 5, 2020

Dear Bobcat families,

We wanted to keep you all up to date on the most current information that we have about COVID-19 cases and suspected cases here at the school. We have yet to receive any positive test results back from the testing event that occurred this past Saturday. Tests are still being processed at Vital Point Urgent Care in Pueblo. They should be notifying you individually of your results. They can be contacted at (719) 733-8737. However, we were notified that a student, who was a suspected COVID-19 case, has tested positive. This does not change our current quarantine status. There have been no additional exposures that were not addressed when we quarantined all of the middle school and high school students and staff. All secondary students and staff will still return to in person learning on Wednesday, November 11.

There has been some confusion about whether or not the siblings of quarantined students need to also quarantine. The answer is no. Our guidelines say that “the siblings of people who are home for quarantine because they were exposed to COVID-19 do not need to stay home or be tested unless the sibling in quarantine develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. Parents should closely monitor all of their children and themselves for symptoms.” More information about these guidelines can be found at the link below. We’ve also added an at home screening tool below to help you determine whether or not your child needs to stay home. We appreciate your patience and understanding. We will continue to update you all as more information becomes available.

https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools#AtHome
https://covid19.colorado.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faq#

Respectfully submitted,

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At Home COVID-19 Symptom Screening Tool For Parents and Staff

Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home. School staff can also use this tool to determine if they need to stay at home. Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations regardless of current symptoms.

This symptom screen refers only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/staff should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance).

If your child is/you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms please call 911.

Symptom Screen:
If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

☐ Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
☐ New or unexplained persistent cough.
☐ Shortness of breath.
☐ Difficulty breathing.
☐ Loss of taste or smell.
☐ Fatigue.
☐ Muscle aches.
☐ Headache.
☐ Sore throat.
☐ Nausea or vomiting.
☐ Diarrhea.
☐ Runny nose or congestion.

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