



Southeastern Idaho Public Health

To: Parents of **Donald D. Stalker Elementary** Students
From: Southeastern Idaho Public Health & Blackfoot School District Administration
Date: September 24, 2020
Subject: Possible COVID-19 Exposure

A staff member who last attended **Donald D. Stalker Elementary** on Thursday, September 10th was recently diagnosed with COVID-19. The staff member isolated at home and has been cleared to return to work. Clarification, the Blackfoot School District received both the verification of a positive test and clearance to return to work on the same day. We have done our best to keep our parents informed of confirmed cases within our buildings. We must also confirm a positive case with a student at **Donald D. Stalker Elementary** school. The student was in isolation when the onset of symptoms occurred. **The Blackfoot School District administration has contacted potentially impacted students. Due to the circumstances, we feel monitoring of symptoms will suffice in this specific situation.**

Please help our preventative measures by monitoring your child for COVID-19 symptoms.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea

Testing is available by calling 208-234-5875.

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. **The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.** These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

It remains very important that everyone continue do their part:

- Take everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of germs such as wearing a face covering when in public, washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face when out in public, keep at least 6 feet from people outside your household, and covering your cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick, including during the time that you may be waiting to get COVID-19 testing results.
- If you or someone you know may have been exposed to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, call your medical provider or SIPH's hotline at 208-234-5875 to determine next steps. Do not attempt to enter a clinic without calling ahead first.

If you have questions, please contact Southeastern Idaho Public Health's COVID-19 Hotline at 208-234-5875 or visit siphidaho.org or cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Kress
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Blackfoot School District