

To: Parents of **Blackfoot High School students & Blackfoot High School football players**
From: Blackfoot School District Administration
Date: October 6, 2020
Subject: Positive COVID-19 Case

A staff member who last attended class at **Blackfoot High School** on Thursday, October 1st and was involved with football activities up through Saturday, October 3rd received results of a positive COVID-19 test. Due to the timeframe involved, we do not believe there is a high risk of transmission within the classroom setting. However, we do believe there was potential risk of transmission beginning on Saturday during football activities. **As such, we are asking all BHS football players to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms through Sunday, October 11th.** If no symptoms develop, these students can return to Blackfoot High School for class on Monday, October 12th, provided they wear a face covering for the remainder of the week and continue to monitor for symptoms. **We have identified some football players as close contact individuals. Blackfoot School District administration will be contacting the parents of those individuals with further guidelines.**

Both practice and games for this week will be cancelled. Coaches will communicate with players what can occur and who can participate in activities for the week of October 12th – October 16th. We will attempt to reschedule the varsity football game with Shelley High School for Saturday, October 17th. **Senior night activities**, which would have occurred prior to this Friday's home varsity football game will be scheduled to occur during the halftime of the home junior varsity game with Bonneville High School on Thursday, October 22nd.

We understand this news is saddening, but we are confident that if we take these measures, and follow them properly, we will be saving future activities and games. Thank you for your understanding of these measures and we hope to see more activities in the near future.

This is not a joint communication with Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH). Please help our preventative measures by monitoring your child for COVID-19 symptoms:

- 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