



# Southeastern Idaho Public Health

To: Parents of **Donald D. Stalker Elementary** Students  
From: Southeastern Idaho Public Health & Blackfoot School District Administration  
Date: September 16, 2020  
Subject: Possible COVID-19 Exposure

Two staff members who last attended **Donald D. Stalker Elementary** on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> respectively were recently diagnosed with COVID-19. The staff members are currently isolating at home. Blackfoot School District does not believe these cases to be connected. Strong preventative measures were in place and followed by these staff members. **Blackfoot School District Administration has contacted the parents/guardians of those individuals who were potentially impacted by these cases and shared recommended protocol.**

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](http://siphidaho.org) or [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

Sincerely,

Brian Kress  
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Blackfoot School District