

Deer Park High School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that an individual in Deer Park High School has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Anyone identified as a close contact of the positive individual(s) will receive a *separate* letter detailing their next steps. Deer Park High School will remain open based upon the quarantine of all known close contacts and appropriate building. Additionally, appropriate building cleaning/disinfection processes are being completed.

If you do not receive separate communication from the school, then your child was not determined to be a close contact of the positive individual. We do, however, encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child (ren). Those symptoms could include any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion/runny nose – not related to seasonal allergies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches | |

While many of these symptoms can be seen with other conditions such as allergies, we ask that you seek medical evaluation if you identify any of these symptoms. Loss of taste or smell is very specific to COVID-19 and may be described as food tasting bland, rather than not being able to taste. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please notify your child's school, contact your child's doctor for evaluation/testing, and keep your child home from school.

You can always talk with your pediatrician about getting your child tested based on your child's potential exposure; however, *unless you were notified that your child was a close contact or in the same classroom as the case in a separate letter, your child's exposure risk for COVID-19 at their school is low and we do not recommend testing.* Having a case of COVID-19 identified in your child's school does not require any restrictions with other household members unless your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive COVID-19 test.

If you have further questions concerning COVID-19, consult your healthcare provider or contact the State's Call Center 1.800.525.0127 and press #. More information can be found on our website at <https://srhd.org/covid19> or at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>. As new cases are identified in the future the school plans to communicate with students in the class(es) of the COVID positive individual as well as students that were determined to have had close contact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob Lutz'.

Bob Lutz, MD, MPH
Health Officer