

Summerville Union High School District

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Notification of Exposure to COVID-19

November 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Summerville Union High School District and Staff,

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work together as a school community to follow guidance from the Tuolumne County Public Health to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We are informing you that we received information today about a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a student at Summerville High School.

All students and staff identified as close contacts of the November 9-13, 2020 potential dates of contact have been notified and are being advised to get tested immediately, whether they have symptoms or not. This was the time of the Veteran's Day Holiday. If you are not contacted directly by our Summerville Administrative Team and by Public Health, then your student is not considered a close contact and nothing needs to be done.

This is just another reminder that we all need to practice safe protocols in and away from school to make sure that we all are as protected from the COVID-19 virus as we can be. Masking, hand washing and social distancing are imperative at this time, or we risk not only the inability for our schools to stay open, but the health and welfare of the people of our community. We are maintaining our high level of cleaning and disinfecting throughout our campus and we continue to ask that you do a daily temperature check and screening of each student's well-being prior to sending them to school. Public Health agrees that students and staff are safe to be at school so long as we all follow the safety protocols addressed in our re-opening plan.

Testing resources may include: Personal Healthcare Providers, Employee Health Services or Occupational Health Services, and Community Testing Site (www.lhicare.com/covidtesting). You will be contacted by the Department of Public Health if your student was a close contact to collect additional information and to issue the Health Office Order for Quarantine.

If you develop symptoms of illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms of illness), you should begin home-isolation. See Home Isolation Instructions (www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10589/Annex-4-Isolation-and-Quarantine). Please contact our school COVID-19 Officer Steve Sweitzer at 209-928-4228 to inform us of your symptoms.

Ensuring that you and our school environment are safe is of greatest importance to us. For additional questions about COVID-19 in Tuolumne County, please visit the County Department of Public Health coronavirus webpage at <https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/250/Public-Health>

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As we enter the time of holiday gatherings, it is critical to practice safe protocols for your safety and the safety of those around you. See the attached California Department of Public Health guidance document for more information about gatherings. Please do your part to be safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at 209-928-3498.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Merrill

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