

**Blair Oaks R-II School District**  
**COVID-19 Updates**  
**Last Updated: 8-26-20 8:00 PM**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

At 4:58 PM on Wednesday, August 26, the District was informed that an 11th grade student had tested positive for COVID-19. The District immediately contacted the Cole County Health Department and an investigation began to determine those individuals that may have been in close contact with the individual. A close contact as defined by CDC is being within 6 feet of the positive individual for 15 minutes or longer. Under the circumstances, we were able to be thorough in our investigation. Quick response from the student, parents, and teachers proved to be extremely helpful in the investigation. The student was at school on Monday but not in attendance on Tuesday and Wednesday. No individuals were identified as close contacts. The District did reach out to families of students who were near the student for a short period of time during lunch. The District will continue to work closely with the Cole County Health Department. Disinfecting and sanitation of the buildings occurs multiple times daily, but the high school building has undergone extensive disinfecting and sanitation as a result. Please keep in mind that the identity of this individual will remain anonymous. We need to be respectful of the privacy of the individual and the family. We appreciate your patience. We will provide additional information as needed.

Investigation: Underway / **Complete**

Notification to Close Contacts: Underway / **Complete**