

Blair Oaks R-II School District
COVID-19 Updates
Last Updated: 9-27-20 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 27, 2020

At 8:33 AM on Sunday, September 27, the District was informed that a 4th grade teacher in the elementary school had received a positive test result for COVID-19. The teacher was not at school on Friday. The District immediately contacted the Cole County Health Department and an investigation began to determine those individuals who 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. The teacher provided a very detailed and thorough description of all interactions. Proactive measures from the teacher this semester related to daily classroom operations were extremely helpful in this situation and to the investigation. These proactive steps resulted in no students being considered a close contact, but four staff members were identified as close contacts and will be placed on quarantine. These contacts occurred at school but during periods of the day when they were not with students but each other. Through the investigation, it was also determined that the individual's initial COVID-19 exposure was not at school or on campus. The District will continue to work closely with the Cole County Health Department. We will work in conjunction with the health department on the re-entry of the staff members into the community and school environment. Disinfecting and sanitation of the buildings occurs multiple times daily. Please keep in mind that the identity of this individual will remain anonymous. We need to be respectful of the privacy of the positive and quarantined individuals and their families. We appreciate your patience. Every situation is unique. Due to the number of staff quarantined, this situation creates a different set of challenges. We ask our students and parents to be flexible as we work through the challenges. We will provide additional information as needed. One of the most important considerations during these times is staying home from school when not feeling well. This also means staying home from school when a member of the household is not feeling well either. These measures were strictly adhered to in this situation.

Investigation: Underway / **Complete**

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

Thursday, September 10, 2020

At 9:02 AM on Thursday, September 10, the District was informed that a 7th 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 who 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. Proactive measures from the student, parents, and family were extremely helpful in this situation and to the investigation. The student has not been

in attendance at school this week. Based on the date of symptom onset, there was no exposure during school. For this reason, no students or staff members were identified as close contacts. The District will continue to work closely with the Cole County Health Department. Disinfecting and sanitation of the buildings occurs multiple times daily. 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. One of the most important considerations during these times is staying home from school when not feeling well. This also means staying home from school when a member of the household is not feeling well either. These measures were strictly adhered to in this situation.

Investigation: Underway / **Complete**

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

Friday, September 4, 2020

At 11:32 AM on Friday, September 4, the District was informed that a middle school staff member 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. Proactive steps by the staff member proved to be extremely helpful in the contact investigation. As a result of the investigation, approximately 15 students will be placed on quarantine. The District will continue to work closely with the Cole County Health Department. We will work in conjunction with the health department on the re-entry of the staff member and students into the community and school environment. Disinfecting and sanitation of the buildings occurs multiple times daily, but the middle school building will undergo extensive disinfecting and sanitation as a result. Please keep in mind that the identity of these individuals will remain anonymous. We need to be respectful of the privacy of the individuals and the families. We appreciate your patience. We will provide additional information as needed.

Investigation: Underway / **Complete**

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

Thursday, September 3, 2020

At 12:27 PM on Thursday, September 3, the District was informed by the YMCA that a member of their staff had tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is not an employee of the District but does work at the Blair Oaks After School Y-Care location. The YMCA immediately contacted the Cole County Health Department and reached out to the District. The District also contacted the health department. 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. The individual was at the Blair Oaks location on Monday but not on Tuesday or Wednesday. The District was informed that no students or staff members of Blair Oaks were identified as close contacts. The District will continue to work closely with the Cole County Health Department.

Conducted by YMCA and CCHD - Investigation: Underway / **Complete**

Conducted by YMCA and CCHD - Notification to Close Contacts: Underway / **Complete**

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

At 10:29 AM on Wednesday, September 2, the District was informed that a 10th 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. Quick response and proactive measures from the student, parents, and family were extremely helpful in this situation and to the investigation. The student was not in attendance at school on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Based on the date of symptom onset, there was no exposure during school. For this reason, no students or staff members were identified as close contacts. The District will continue to work closely with the Cole County Health Department. Disinfecting and sanitation of the buildings occurs multiple times daily. 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. One of the most important considerations during these times is staying home from school when not feeling well. This also means staying home from school when a member of the household is not feeling well either. These measures were strictly adhered to in this situation.

Investigation: Underway / **Complete**

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

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**