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Dear Families and Staff,

Buchanan Community Schools learned today that *2 students attending Buchanan Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19*. The students are in isolation. Due to federal health privacy laws, information regarding their identity cannot be released. Please respect their privacy during this difficult time.

**Below you will find the quarantine/isolation guidelines:**

**Students/Staff who have symptoms or have tested positive:**

Students, teachers & staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or display COVID-19 symptoms shall be excluded for five (5) days from the first sign of [COVID-19 Symptoms](#). They may return to school/work on day six (6) if they are symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

**Exposure Guidelines (for close contacts):**

- The District will inform parents/guardians of the school related COVID-19 exposures
- Students or staff who are considered close contacts will need to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms
- Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per
  - [PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases](#)
  - Students and/or staff members exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 5 days unless a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note stating the student may return to school is provided to school authorities.
    - *Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chill*
    - *Cough*
    - *Sore throat*
    - *Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)*
    - *Muscle or body aches*
    - *Headache*
    - *Fatigue (tiredness)*
    - *Vomiting and diarrhea*
    - *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
    - *New loss of taste or smell*

**Please remember, if a student or staff member is sick they should not come to school. If they are sick and have taken a COVID-19 test, they are not to return to school until the results are in. If the results are positive, they will need to quarantine.**

We will continue to provide updates as needed. You can access all of the district's related communication by visiting our website at [www.buchananschools.com](http://www.buchananschools.com). If you have questions, please contact your building administrator.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through these challenging times. As you know, the well-being of our students, staff, and families is our number one priority. Please join me in sending healing thoughts to our students.

Sincerely,

Patricia Robinson  
Superintendent