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Dear Families and Staff,

Buchanan Community Schools learned today that *1 staff member at Ottawa Elementary School and 1 student attending Buchanan Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19.* The student and staff member 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. 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 student and staff member.

Sincerely,

Patricia Robinson
Superintendent