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Minidoka Staff –

We have had to deal with a lot of change recently and I want you to know that I appreciate each of you and your willingness to be a positive part of that change!

We have had a number of our employees test positive for COVID-19. This has significantly raised concern about this virus for all of us. I am writing to let you know what is being done and what you can do to help contain the spread of this virus in our midst.

If you are concerned over whether or not you have been in close enough contact with one of these individuals you need to consider the following:

1. Were you in direct physical contact with them?
2. Did you come in contact with a surface that you were aware they touched?
3. Did you spend more than 10 minutes with them when you were less than 6 feet apart?
4. If your answer to any of the above is yes, or you want to assure yourself of your particular situation, please contact the South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) Hotline (208-737-1138, 8 am to 5 pm weekdays) to determine if you need to self-quarantine and for how long.
5. You will need to share with them how you have been in contact with a positive case or with someone who has been in contact so they can help make that determination.
6. You will need to have contacted SCPHD before we can consider your request to self-quarantine moving forward.
7. If you feel the need to be tested you simply need an order from your family doctor and the tests can be done at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Laboratory.

I also want to share with you that every building has been sanitized. The SCPHD has recommended that a building be left for 24 hours before being sanitized when an employee with COVID has been known to be present in the building. The building is then to be sanitized by maintenance. This has been done for each of our buildings.

I would like to thank Pat Swigert and the maintenance and custodial staff for their diligence in keeping our buildings sanitary and safe. When staff have been in their building they have been asked to place hangers on the classroom doors so those rooms can be re-sanitized daily.

Even though the buildings are clean, each of us must do our part to ensure each other's safety and that of our students. To that end I am reminding all staff that the following are not recommendations, **they are requirements.**

1. All staff must enter their building through the front door and **must check in and get their temperature taken.** We have working thermometers in each building.
2. **All staff are to wear masks when they are around other people.** This is a requirement. If you do not have a mask, please check with your building principal, we will find a cloth mask for you that can be laundered regularly.

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3. Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be enforced at all times!

I have seen a lot of colorful masks since my email earlier this week and I appreciate that everyone is doing their part to help us contain this virus. Masks may be pulled down with the explicit permission of those around you.

I would also ask that you please stay home if you are having persistent symptoms that are associated with this virus! Here is a short list from CDC.gov:

Symptoms that may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Cough*
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*

Or at least two of the following:

- Fever*
- Chills*
- Repeated shaking with chills*
- Muscle pain*
- Headache*
- Sore throat*
- New loss of taste or smell*

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ken Cox
Superintendent