



# Hatch Valley Middle School

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**To: Parents or Guardians of children who attend Hatch Valley Middle School**

Hatch Valley Middle School is working with the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) and New Mexico's Department of Health (NMDOH) because an individual who was on campus **November 15th** has tested positive for COVID-19.

This letter is to provide you with information about the next steps which are necessary to protect your child and our community from COVID-19. Per guidance from both NMPED and NMDOH, we are required to investigate to see who had "close contact" with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19. As per state guidance, students who were wearing a properly fitting mask and following other COVID-prevention strategies are not required to quarantine. However, we ask that you carefully watch your child for any possible COVID symptoms for the next 10 days. Please keep your child home and contact your medical provider if they develop any COVID-like symptoms.

At present, there is **NO NEED** to quarantine unless you are contacted directly by **Hatch Valley Public Schools** or New Mexico Department of Health.

In the meantime, if you or your child begin to develop symptoms of COVID-19, which are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, please call your healthcare provider or the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-855-600-3453.

Areas of the school (including buses) in which the COVID-19 positive individual spent time will be cleaned and disinfected. You may continue to send your child to school unless you are notified that your child was a close contact of a positive COVID-19 individual, your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, or your child has a positive COVID-19 test. Likewise, your household members do not need to quarantine unless your child tests positive for COVID-19 or your household members are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 individual.

You may contact me at 575.267.8250 or by email at [acisneros@hatchschools.net](mailto:acisneros@hatchschools.net).

Thank you for your support in these efforts.

Sincerely,

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