



SHONTO PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

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Good Afternoon,

On the afternoon of Friday, August 27, 2021, Shonto Preparatory Schools, was notified of a 2nd confirmed positive case for COVID-19. Contact tracing was conducted by the SPS staff, all students and staff that are considered a “close contact” or “exposure” were notified. They have been informed to monitor and get tested. The classroom and other populated areas of potential contact will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Due to confidentiality, information identifying staff and/or students cannot be shared.

In addition, Indian Health Service (IHS) will also conduct contact tracing and notifications as necessary. Shonto Preparatory Schools have established protocols in place for students/staff that become ill during the school day that includes isolation, parental notification and contact tracing. We ask for your assistance to ensure that Staff/student(s) DO NOT come to school/work if they have any signs or symptoms of illness, or may have had a possible exposure to COVID-19. If staff/students are identified who are experiencing symptoms of illness during the school/work day arrangements will be made to have the staff/student sent home. The staff/parent will not be allowed back on campus until they have a medical clearance.

The safety measures at the schools are designed to work to prevent the spread of illness and do keep staff/students safe. We need everyone in the community to do their part to keep students/staff safe at school. Please consider vaccination if you are eligible and have not received it.

The Shonto Preparatory Administration have been working closely with the Kayenta Health Service Unit and Inscription House Health Center. **Inscription House Health center will provide drive thru testing at their facility tomorrow, Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 8 am to 12 pm.**

Once tested, it will take approximately 2-days for the test results to return. Shonto Preparatory School staff and students can go to the location to get their test completed. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Please continue to wear your mask in public places and practice social distancing and other safety measures, especially when traveling off of the Navajo Nation.

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