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Dear Fountain Hills High School Families and Staff,

The Fountain Hills Unified School District considers the health and well-being of our students and staff to be of the utmost importance. It is with that in mind that this letter is being sent home for your information. Today, October 28, 2020, we were alerted that several students tested positive for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID 19). In working through the contact tracing, we determined the best option for FHHS is to move all students to remote learning for 14 days. **This will cancel all activities and athletics with all students engaging in remote learning until November 11<sup>th</sup>. All students may return to campus on November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**We are asking you to quarantine your students for 14 days to stop the spread of COVID in our community.** Individuals exposed through close contact must quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure in order to prevent illness in new persons. **Quarantine means the student should not go to work, hang out with friends, go to social events, or come into close contact with another person even if they have NO symptoms until the 14-day period of isolation has passed.** If you haven't developed symptoms by that time, you are unlikely to develop symptoms from this exposure.

While FHUSD cannot enforce this, we have determined that we had quarantined students from two other valley schools at our football game on Friday night as well as students exposed to COVID at home or in the community at school. We will never know where someone contracts COVID, but erring on the side of safety and caution is most important to get students back in school.

We are committed to implementing measures to protect students and staff from exposure to COVID-19 and to make sure you have all the information you need to make informed decisions about your health. While students were in school, they were following all the precautions and wearing their face coverings. As happens every day, all the rooms have been properly cleaned and sanitized. Please note that all information, including the name of an ill person, is confidential in order to protect privacy.

For now, please continue to observe your child/children over the next **14** days for any of the common symptoms of the Coronavirus, including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Headaches
- Muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell



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- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash

Be proactive about reducing the number of interactions to limit the spread of the Coronavirus and practice good hygiene.

- Stay home when you are sick. Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID 19 should remain at home in isolation for a minimum of 10 days plus at least 24 hours after the resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) and improvement in other symptoms.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use their sleeve, not your hands, to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick, and avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- All students and staff should wear a mask or face covering.

It is important that you continue to monitor your student and family for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. See your healthcare provider and/or get tested with a PCR test (nose swab). This is the best test to determine if you are currently infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. If you are not sure where to go to be tested, please call 2-1-1 for more information.

We continue to communicate frequently with the Maricopa Department of Public Health (MCDPH) staff to guide us in contact tracing and mitigation protocols. Our goal is to continue to provide in-person learning at our schools unless the MCDPH would feel it is prudent to move a class to distance learning or in the case of a severe outbreak, to close a school temporarily and move to distance learning.

Sincerely,

Kelly Glass  
Superintendent