

# Red Hill Community Unit School District No. 10

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Mr. Jakie V. Walker - Superintendent

December 7, 2020

Dear Families and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that two individuals have tested positive for COVID-19. One individual is from **Sumner Attendance Center** and one individual from **Red Hill Jr./Sr. High School**. We are coordinating our efforts with the **Lawrence County Health Department** to promptly identify and monitor individuals who have had recent contact with the COVID-19 positive individuals to prevent the further spread within our school and community. The health and safety of our students and staff at **Sumner Attendance Center** and **Red Hill Jr./Sr. High School** is our highest priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

To prevent further spread of the disease, Sumner Attendance Center and Red Hill Jr./Sr. High School are taking the following steps:

- Placing staff members and students who are identified as having prolonged close contact with the COVID-19 case in quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts will also receive a separate notification from the Lawrence County Health Department.
- Ongoing monitoring of students and staff for signs and symptoms of illness and evaluation of illness reports to promptly identify possible outbreaks.
- Conducting a deep clean and disinfection of the areas impacted by potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

We will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases, as follows:

- Students and staff who are ill with COVID-like symptoms will promptly be placed in a separate supervised area away from others until they can be sent home.
- Students are required to wear face coverings at all times, as previously directed and per the school Reopening Plan.
- Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while in contact with children and other staff in the facility.
- We are continuously sanitizing high-touch surfaces including door handles, stair rails, sink faucets, etc.
- We have removed plush toys and other toys that cannot be properly or frequently disinfected.

- We are teaching students the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing:
  - Students are discouraged from sharing personal items, e.g., water bottles.
  - Students are learning new ways to greet each other without touching.
  - Students are reminded to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, and to cover coughs and sneezes.
  - Students will be taught to wash their hands frequently and properly, following CDC guidelines on handwashing.
- As we receive more information from the Department of Public Health and other entities, we will implement additional recommendations and guidelines.

**As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately.** If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep the child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, school, daycare, and your local health department.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at 618-945-2061 or the Lawrence County Health Department after hours COVID-19 hotline at 812-213-0199.

Sincerely,

*Jakie V. Walker*

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