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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chatom Union School District considers the health and well-being of our students and staff a priority. We have been alerted that your student may have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 at school. The last day the infected individual was on campus was _____. We are notifying all students who may have been exposed according to the new group tracing model within the K-12 Public Health Guidance. We are also following health recommendations to ensure that the person with COVID-19 follows instructions for isolation and remains away from others until they can safely return to school.

What does this mean for your student?

Your student may remain in school unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. Being exposed to somebody with COVID-19 does not necessarily mean that your child will become infected. In fact, scientific research, and experience from around the country – including from California during this school year – demonstrate that schools remain among the safest places for children to be.

Your student should get tested for COVID-19 within 3-5 days after the last date that the individual with COVID-19 was in school, or sooner if your student starts to show symptoms. (This is state recommended, not required). Your student may get tested at Chatom Elementary between 7:30-8:30 a.m., a community testing resource, or a physician. Over-the-counter (at-home) tests may also be used.

If your student develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, please ensure they isolate at home immediately and notify Nancy Souza right away at nsouza@chatom.k12.ca.us or call 209-664-8500. When you notify us, we can take additional steps to help keep our school community safe.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates as needed. Note that infections diagnosed in students and school staff are not necessarily the result of exposure at school when safety protocols are being followed, and COVID-19 transmission remains much more likely to occur outside of school settings.

We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call us at 209-664-8505.

Please be assured that we are committed to facilitating an optimal learning experience ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Cherise Olvera
Superintendent

Exposure Notification