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Dear El Sierra Staff and Families:

As a follow-up to the letter sent on Friday, Oct. 30, we want to inform you that the District has determined that two other sixth grade students have been in close contact with the sixth grade student who tested positive for COVID-19 (diagnosed on Oct. 30). Please note, the close contact took place outside of school and not at El Sierra School. Both students who are close contacts have not attended school since Thursday, Oct. 29. These students have not attended school since Thursday because the family of the student who tested positive notified them that their students were potential close contacts. Per our letter on Friday, any student or staff member who is a close contact with a positive case must quarantine for 14 days.

Both families of the students who are close contacts had their children tested. One student is asymptomatic, but tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, Oct. 31. The family immediately notified District 58 with the results. The other student is symptomatic and is still awaiting the results of his/her test. In the event this student tests positive, another notification will be sent out to all El Sierra staff and families. All three families continue to follow the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines related to quarantining.

Per IDPH guidelines, anyone who tests positive must “stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.”

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive, including contact tracing. Additionally, the El Sierra custodial staff thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of the school between the morning and afternoon sessions as well as every evening.

District 58 will notify the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of the positive case to ensure that protocols, contact tracing, and the self-certification process were followed. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is paramount, and we will continue to follow all guidelines called for by the IDPH and the DCHD. Please continue to wear masks, adhere to social distancing requirements, and thoroughly wash and/or sanitize your hands as this is the best way to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Kevin B. Russell'.

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools