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Dear El Sierra Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified today that a sixth grade student from El Sierra tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last at school on Wednesday, Oct. 28. When the student started experiencing cold-like symptoms at home on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 29, the family followed the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, and kept him/her home until the student could be tested.

When the family received the student's positive results on Oct. 30, they immediately notified the school. The District completed contact tracing, and at this time believes that the student was not in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members at school. In the event the District learns that there were close contacts with other students outside of school, those students will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

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." This student will complete his/her quarantine period at home.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health (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 also notify the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of the positive case to ensure that contact tracing and protocols continue to be strictly 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,

Dr. Kevin B. Russell  
Superintendent of Schools