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Dear El Sierra Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified today that El Sierra kindergarten and second grade siblings tested positive for COVID-19. The students were last at school on Friday, Nov. 13. When the family learned that they were a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case outside of school, they began to quarantine and got tested for COVID-19, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. District 58 is grateful that this family followed the IDPH's requirements.

At this time, we do not believe the individuals were in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school due to the students maintaining strict social distancing requirements. In the event the District learns there were close contacts with other students or staff inside or outside of school, those individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days. Additionally, the District requires any additional siblings who are close contacts to quarantine for 14 days. There is no known school-based link related to this case.

Per IDPH guidelines, anyone who tests positive must stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms, or for asymptomatic cases, from COVID-19 test date, AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms. The students will complete their quarantine period at home.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive. 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 were 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,

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

Dr. Kevin B. Russell  
Superintendent of Schools