



# Independence Community School District

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Dear parents and community members:

We have learned that two members of the Independence Community School District have tested positive for COVID-19. I am writing to update you with some important information, and to reassure you that the Independence CSD continues to take every step possible to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

The individuals who tested positive either work or attend the Junior/Senior High and are at home recovering. The district is working with the Iowa Department of Public Health and Buchanan County Health and anyone who was in contact with these individuals will be contacted. The district is working with the Iowa Department of Public Health and Buchanan County Health. Anyone who was considered “in close contact” will be contacted.

I would also like to inform you the district has developed a Covid-19 Dashboard with information pertaining to each of the buildings for both students and staff. We plan to share as much information as possible, while protecting the privacy of those affected.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and families. Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for supporting the Independence Community School District.

Sincerely,

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