

Dear Parents of Spring Valley Students,

A case of COVID-19 has been reported in our school district. The children and staff who interacted closely with the individual within the school district have been contacted by the Pierce County Health Department. The individual, who was a close contact of someone with COVID-19 outside of the school environment and now has symptoms, will be excluded from school until they have been determined to be no longer infectious by the Pierce County Health Department. Close contacts, determined by the Pierce County Health Department and school district staff, will be excluded from school for 14 days from their last date of exposure to the positive individual, and will be monitored for symptoms by the Pierce County Health Department

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that is spread even before individuals show symptoms. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Thus, it is ever important for all students, family members, and staff members to closely watch for symptoms that are outside of their “normal,” and to stay home if they are ill. If symptoms occur, please contact your medical provider to request testing.

Please remember to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- 1. Stay home when ill.**
- 2. Wear a face covering when in public if physically able.**
- 3. Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.**
- 4. Clean frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, etc.**
- 5. Limit unnecessary travel, events, or large gatherings.**

We all need to continue to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to keep our students and staff members safe. Please contact myself, the Pierce County Health Department, or our district nurse Jenny Sauve for further information.

Thank you,

Don Haack and the Pierce County Health Department