



Mexico Public Schools

March 28, 2020

Mexico 59 Families:

Our district was notified that a Mexico Middle School teacher tested positive for COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. We have attached a letter from the Audrain County Health Department (ACHD) with further information and transparency on this case.

The employee is not a resident of Audrain County, and, following recommendations, the employee has self-quarantined for 14 days.

Mexico Middle School exercised extreme caution during the last week of school to proactively implement safety practices to prevent COVID-19.

These days are challenging and uncertain, but intentional steps are necessary to prevent the spread of this virus further. Thank you.

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Mexico 59 Parents:

The Audrain County Health Department, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), has updated the previous memo with the following information: **The MO DHSS was consulted and has shared that the risk of transmission is low in this specific situation, but that those involved should be informed of their potential exposure. It should also be noted that it has been nine days since the potential exposure and no surge in COVID-19 testing has been observed.**

Understandably, parents are concerned about their child being in contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. The ACHD states that it has been nine days since the potential exposure and there is no surge in COVID-19 testing; the risk of transmission is low. As advised by the CDC and the Audrain County Health Department (ACHD), Mexico Middle took several precautions during the last week of school for health and hygiene as well as social distancing.

If you or your student are [experiencing symptoms](#), please reach out to your healthcare provider as recommended. The ACHD is also promoting that you call ahead for medical care, whether it be to your doctor, Urgent Care, or the ER. This allows the medical staff to direct you with the proper steps to prepare for your arrival as well as keeping staff and other patients safe.

We understand and empathize with your concern for your child as well as for our staff member. The Health Department continues to release COVID-19 information daily for our community, and we will keep you informed as it relates to our school district.

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