



## EDCOUCH-ELSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### DR. GREG RODRÍGUEZ

Superintendent

January 21, 2021

Dear Edcouch-Elsa Community,

I was notified today that two students at Ybarra and two students at S. Garcia tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, an un-confirmed case was reported at the EEHS. **Out of an abundance of caution, and to mitigate any further spread, I am directing the District to pause in-person instruction at all campuses from January 22 through January 26, 2021.** Teachers, instructional support staff, and students will continue teaching and learning remotely. All teaching staff will continue remote instruction with their students through the Canvas platform throughout the time of the closure. Buildings will re-open for instructional staff and students on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Any currently planned professional learning and meetings should continue remotely.

**The District will offer rapid COVID-19 testing on Monday, January 25, 2021 at all campuses to staff and students currently attending in-person learning.**

The District works to determine any individuals that have been in "close contact" with a COVID-19 positive staff member. Close contact is defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as someone who was within six (6) feet of an infected person for at least fifteen (15) minutes over the course of a twenty-four (24) hour period. Please note that while we have an obligation to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all members of our community, we also have an obligation to protect the privacy of individuals affected by the virus. Unless an individual has been personally contacted, we can reasonably assure you that you have not been identified as a "close contact" of a positive case.

The continued implementation of safety measures including frequent hand washing, maintaining social distancing, and wearing face coverings are all critical components in reducing the risk of spread. If you or your child is experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19, please keep them home and contact your medical provider. Please be certain to report to the principal if a family member tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and our community.

Sincerely,

*Greg Rodriguez*

Dr. Greg Rodríguez  
Superintendent  
Edcouch-Elsa ISD