

Notification of Confirmed COVID-19 Case at the Heart of Texas Education Co-Op

August 26, 2020

Dear BISD Community,

In keeping with Brady ISD's practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all families and staff that a staff member who was lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 was present at the Heart of Texas Educational Co-Op on August 20, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the name of the individual or details that may identify him or her.

BISD has already notified all potential close contact individuals. The local health department has been notified and may directly contact these individuals for additional screening. Those individuals must stay home until they are cleared by the health department. Those who were in close contact will remain off campus for up to 14 days to ensure they do not have the virus, so that there will not be any further spread. The District has closed off the areas heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected. The remainder of the campus remains open.

While we do not have reason to believe that those who were not in close contact with the infected individual have reason to be concerned, we ask that you, as always, watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

Any of the following symptoms indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or muscle pain/aches; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.
- Loss of taste and smell

If you or any member of the BISD community begins experiencing any of these symptoms in a way that is not typical, we encourage you to contact your physician.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to <u>parentquestions@bradyisd.org</u> or visit our website at <u>http://www.bradyisd.org/c_o_v_i_d-19</u>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hector Martinez Superintendent of Schools

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