<u>BEAR LAKE SCHOOLS</u>

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Dear Families,

This morning we were made aware that two of our students in the high school tested positive for Covid-19. Due to the extended holiday weekend, one student has not been in school since Wednesday, September 1st, and they are not considered a close contact of anyone within the school. The other student was only present the morning of Tuesday, September 7th. Contact tracing has been completed. These students and their familes have been made aware that they will continue to quarantine per the Health Department and CDC guidelines.

At this time, we are following the District Health Department's guidelines and strongly recommending masks but they are not mandated. To help protect your family from the negative effects of Covid-19, please consider the following information that is provided from the Health Department...

- 1. Fully vaccinated individuals deemed a closed contact do not have to quarantine as long as they are not experiencing symptoms.
- 2. Regardless of vaccination status, when individuals are wearing masks properly and are 3 feet or more from the exposed individual, they do not need to be quarantined.
- 3. Students and staff not vaccinated, not wearing a mask, and who are within 6 feet of an individual for 15 cumulative minutes who test positive, will be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days.

Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you may have. Should you have any questions for the Health Department you can reach them at 231-723-3595.

Sincerely,

Jake Veith

Jake Veith, Superintendent Bear Lake School District