

Dear Parents and Community Members:

On September 16, 2020, the Dent-Phelps R-III School District was notified that one of our staff members has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

There were NO close contacts within the school to report to the Dent County Health Department. As a reminder, for a school district a close contact is within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more or within the same classroom for 60 minutes or more.

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District will continue to work closely with local health officials to monitor evolving circumstances and revise our operational plans as needed. **In an effort to focus communications surrounding COVID cases, moving forward, we have placed a dashboard on our website where you can view reporting information for the entire district.**

COVID-19 is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to take preventive measures and monitor for symptoms daily. More information on our guidelines can be found on our website at dentphelps.k12.mo.us. It is truly a community effort to minimize the spread of the virus and help us keep our schools safe, healthy, and open.

Sincerely,

Victoria Brooker
Superintendent