



May 19, 2021

**COVID-19 NOTIFICATION**  
**Salt River Elementary School**

**SRES campus will be closed on Thursday, May 20; all students will learn remotely on last day of school.**

The safety of our students, staff, and Community is our top priority at Salt River Schools. This letter is to inform you that **Salt River Elementary School will be completely remote for all grades on Thursday, May 20**, which is the last day of the school year. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution; **we learned today (5/19) of another test-confirmed case of COVID-19, bringing the SRES total to four confirmed cases.** The last day any of these individuals were on campus was Thursday, May 13, and all four were instructed to isolate at home per federal and Community health guidelines. Due to federal privacy laws, we are unable to share any personal identifying information about who has tested positive.

We will send students home from school today with their belongings and expect them utilize the work packets and activities teachers create for the final day of instruction on May 20. If you have not yet turned in your school-issued laptop or tablet, someone from SRES will contact you in the near future with more information.

**How will this be addressed?**

We have notified the Community Epidemiologist and health department; we have also taken appropriate measures to ensure any areas potentially exposed by this individual are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Students and staff who have been in close contact with this individual have been contacted about quarantine and other safety measures.

At Salt River Schools, we are confident we have implemented safety protocols that significantly reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, including limiting who is on campus and ensuring everyone wears a face mask at school and sanitizes their hands throughout the school day.

**Method of Control**

**In order to stay healthy, practicing good hygiene is paramount, including following these guidelines:**

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water.
2. Cover your mouth/nose when you cough or sneeze.
3. Stay home from school/work when you are sick.
4. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
5. Wear face masks when in public and maintain social distancing when possible.
6. Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

**Will we be doing any contact tracing?**

After a positive case is reported, a process takes place with the Community Epidemiologist and health department where the individual who tested positive confirms anyone they have been in close contact with who may have been exposed. Through the process, the county notifies those individuals via phone call and provides

direction for next steps and safety precautions. The district will also reach out to close contacts as an added step for precautionary measures.

If you do not receive a follow-up call from the county or the school district, then you were not in close contact with the individual who was diagnosed (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) and no additional action is needed. We encourage everyone to follow SRPMIC health guidelines and monitoring your family's health.

### **What is COVID-19?**

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. It can cause no symptoms at all for some individuals, whereas others could experience a mild illness, or it could also cause severe symptoms. Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure.

### **Symptoms**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported. Some symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

### **Mode of Transmission**

**The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.**

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.
- The virus may be spread in other ways.
- It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.

### **Next Steps**

We recommend that you and your family monitor your health over the next 14 days and if you experience symptoms of COVID-19, to seek medical care and/or self-isolate at home. Please inform school leaders if your student tests positive for COVID-19. The Salt River Schools Health & Safety Plan can be found at [https://saltriverschools.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/covid-19](https://saltriverschools.org/news/what_s_new/covid-19).

If your child is 12 years or older, please consider setting up an appointment for them to be vaccinated. Salt River Schools and the SRPMIC Department of Health and Human Services will host a vaccine clinic on Thursday, May 20, at Salt River High School from 3-6 p.m. No walk-ins; you must set up an appointment by calling 480-362-2603 (select option 2). You can find out more about this clinic here [https://saltriverschools.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/covid-19](https://saltriverschools.org/news/what_s_new/covid-19).

Additional information is available on the Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

If there are any additional questions, please contact me at 480-362-2400.

Thank you,

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