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COVID Update Message to Parents and Employees

Thursday, August 26, 2021

1:00 p.m.

**Two More Student COVID Cases**

Two Beckemeyer students, one 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and one 4<sup>th</sup> grader, tested positive for COVID recently. Contact tracing today identified 13 close contacts at school. 8 will be quarantined and 5 will participate in our Test to Stay program.

***TEST TO STAY PROTOCOL***

*As an alternative to quarantining, students may participate in a "Test to Stay" program. If the student and parents agree for the student to participate in rapid testing on days 1, 3, 5, and 7, the student may attend in-person during the 10-day watch period. The BinaxNOW test will be used for this monitoring program. Negative test results every other day, and remaining symptom free will result in an unvaccinated close contact being able to stay in school during the 10 days.*

We are committed to providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect our students, staff, and families. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at (217) 532-2942.

*The Hillsboro Community School District fosters a student-centered culture with high expectations for each student to reach his or her full potential.*