



Melissa High School

Melissa Schools – “A Special Time in a Special Place”

October 5, 2020

Notification of Individuals Lab-Confirmed for COVID-19

In keeping with currently established guidelines put forth by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding COVID-19, Melissa High School is notifying all parents/guardians of high school students, as well as all campus employees, that **four (4) students have been lab-confirmed to have COVID-19**. The dates in which individuals were last on campus include Sept. 24, 2020, Sept. 28, 2020, and Oct. 1, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the names of these individuals or details that may identify them.

The affected individuals have been instructed to quarantine until all criteria for school re-entry are met. **The district has conducted initial contact tracing and has directly notified any students and/or employees who may have been in close contact with the lab-confirmed individuals (as defined by TEA)**. Areas heavily used by the lab-confirmed individuals have been disinfected. Per TEA guidelines, Melissa ISD will notify the Collin County Health Care Services of the lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases.

School will continue as normal.

As a reminder, any of the following symptoms (if not typical for the individual) indicate a possible COVID-19 infection: Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, loss of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, chills, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shaking or exaggerated shivering, significant muscle pain or ache, diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.

Any individual who has been lab-confirmed for COVID-19, or who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 in a way that is not typical for them, must notify the school in accordance with TEA guidelines.

For your reference, please see the “Protocols for COVID-19 Cases, Symptoms & Close Contact” flow charts posted online at www.melissaisd.org/return2020. These flow charts include TEA’s definition of close contact, as well as an overview of the reporting and communication process for COVID-19 cases at Melissa Schools.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Wooten
Principal
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