



Brownsville Independent School District

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Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

July 1, 2020

Employees of the BISD Curriculum and Instruction Department (Via E-mail)

RE: Employee test positive for COVID-19

To the Employees of the Curriculum and Instruction Department;

We were just informed that an employee of the Curriculum and Instruction Department at the Central Office has tested positive for COVID-19. Although we are not aware of any other employee in the department that has tested positive, in an abundance of caution, the Curriculum and Instruction Department will remain closed until **Tuesday, July 7, 2020**. The areas visited will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in the next few days by custodial staff to ensure it is safe to return to work on **Wednesday, July 8, 2020**.

Employees from this department who have physically come in to work during the preceding two-week period, are directed to get tested for COVID-19. There are various testing facilities throughout the City of Brownsville and Cameron County and employees may utilize any of those testing sites; however, we are encouraging employees to contact BTX Cares at <https://btxcares.com> to set up an appointment to be tested.

In keeping with recently adopted district practices, employees may not return to work until they are screened and have tested negative. The employee will then share the test results with Carmelita Rodriguez, assistant superintendent for human resources and our nursing director, Rosa Pones, who will make the determination of when the employee may return to work. In the meantime, this is a non-exhaustive list of COVID-19 symptoms:

1. Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
2. Chills, Repeated trembling with chills
3. Headache, Muscle Pain, Sore throat
4. Red eyes
5. Headache, Sore throat
6. Diarrhea
7. Feeling feverish or a temperature measure greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you or anyone you know is exhibiting any of the above symptoms, seek immediate medical attention and let your supervisor know of your situation.

During these trying times, please rest assured that the health and safety of our employees is our first priority. If you have any questions or need more information regarding this matter, please contact Rosa Pones, director of nursing, or Carmelita Rodriguez, assistant superintendent for human resources.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "René Gutiérrez".

Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent of Schools

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