



# Brownsville Independent School District

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Employees of the Public Relations and Community Engagement Department (Via E-mail)

## **RE: Employee test positive for COVID-19**

We were just informed that an employee of the Public Relations and Community Engagement Department has tested positive for COVID-19. Although we are not aware of any other employees in the department that has tested positive, in an abundance of caution, the Public Relations and Community Engagement Department has been deeply sanitized, and continues to be cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis. Based on the information that we have gathered, it has been determined that the end of the 14-day incubation period for anyone possibly exposed to the employee is July 19, 2020.

In keeping with recently adopted district practices, the employee 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.

The following are symptoms of COVID-19:

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 and human resources department 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.

BISD is continuing to monitor this situation and will provide additional information as needed. We hope for a speedy recovery for our district employee.

Very truly yours,

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

Dr. René Gutiérrez  
Superintendent of Schools

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