LONG BEACH
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Text of Superintendent's Phone Message to Families – Sept. 2, 2021

Hi everyone. This is Dr. Jill Baker, superintendent of Long Beach Unified School District. I'm here to share a quick COVID-19 update with you. As you know, our teams have been working tirelessly to ensure that our schools are safe, clean and sanitized. Additionally, this week we began conducting asymptomatic surveillance screening, which just means we are testing all unvaccinated students weekly. Well, these COVID screening results will be arriving soon, and I wanted to give you a quick idea of what to expect.

We know that as we continue to screen both students and staff regularly, there will be positive COVID cases. In the event a positive case occurs at your school, a general communication will be sent out to the whole school community to report that someone who tested positive was on the campus. The general notice is just to keep you informed and does not require any action.

Once a positive case is brought to our attention, we will begin contact tracing. That means, if anyone is found to have been in close contact with a positive case, or more specifically, if we determine that the person was within 6 feet of the positive case for over 15 minutes, within a 24-hour period, a separate "exposure notification" will go directly to that individual along with instructions for next steps, like whether your student will be asked to quarantine at home or not.

A quick note: middle and high school students and staff who are fully vaccinated **and** symptom-free will not need to quarantine if they are exposed to a person with a positive case. This doesn't apply for elementary-aged students, as they are not eligible for vaccines just yet.

For additional information, including a transcript of this message, please visit lbschools.net/coronavirus.

In closing, please know that communication with you as well as our greater school community is a top priority as we work together to provide a safe space for learning.

Thank you so much for your support.