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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **COVID-19 Update**

El Dorado Union High School District Community,

We are reaching out with updates regarding COVID-19 and our schools. We would like to start by expressing our concern and sympathy for members of our learning community who are impacted by the fire in our region.

We are grateful for your support and patience as we navigate the increasing number of positive cases in the community. We are grateful that you are keeping your students home when they are symptomatic or have been exposed to COVID-19. We appreciate your support of masking indoors.

As the number of positive COVID-19 cases increase in our region, it is critical to monitor your student for symptoms and respond accordingly. This is particularly important if your student or someone in your family is immunocompromised.

The California and El Dorado County Departments of Public Health continue to provide updates regarding contact tracing and quarantine procedures for people identified as close contacts (someone who was within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period) of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Please see the decision tree using the following link:

**[Decision Tree - Vaccinated Student or Staff Positive COVID-19 Case in an Educational Institution v08102021.pdf](#)**

**[Decision Tree - Unvaccinated Student Exposed to a Positive COVID-19 Case in an Education Institution v08102021.pdf](#)**

Wearing masks matters. Students who wear masks indoors have the opportunity for a modified quarantine that allows them to stay in class as long as they remain asymptomatic and continue to wear a mask indoors.

Asymptomatic, vaccinated students who are identified as close contacts are not subject to quarantine.

What we need from you:

- Keep students home who are symptomatic.
- Please use the Symptom Checklist to report symptoms. **[Symptom Checklist](#)**
- Encourage your student to comply with the mask rule and wear masks when you're at school functions.
- If your student is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they may be eligible for a "Modified Quarantine" which would allow them (if they were wearing masks indoors and/or vaccinated) to remain in school during the quarantine period.

Thank you for your cooperation. Our thoughts are with those of you who have been impacted by the Caldor Fire.