## **Brookfield R-III School District**

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Dear Bulldog Parents, Students and Staff:

The health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff is always our top priority especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to sharing information related to the pandemic as openly as possible. Due to health privacy laws and respect for privacy, we are unable to release the names of individuals.

We have learned that we have a staff/faculty member(s) who have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff/faculty were in the middle school and elementary school the week of May 17, 2021. The staff/faculty member(s) were wearing masks and practicing social distancing while they were in the building.

We have worked closely with the Linn County Health Department to identify and notify each person who is considered to be a close contact of the staff/faculty member(s). All students, faculty and staff who have been identified as close contacts will quarantine according to District and local Linn County Health Guidelines. If you have NOT received notification from the Linn County Health Department, then your student is NOT considered a close contact of the individual and NOT at an increased risk for this virus.

We urge you to continue to self-monitor for any symptoms related to COVID-19. In the event symptoms are present, we advise you to self-quarantine and seek medical diagnosis/testing as applicable. We know it is concerning to learn about confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community, but we believe we are doing everything we can to help contain the community spread of the virus. I urge you to continue to wear masks in public, wash your hands frequently, and maintain social distancing. Thank you for all you are doing to support our children during these challenging times for all of us.

Sincerely,

Kyle Collins, EdD