

# Illini West High School District #307

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The Hancock County Health Department is reporting a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Illini West High School District. The person was not present at school during their symptomatic time or the 48 hours prior to symptom onset. The Hancock County Health Department and the Illini West High School District are sharing this information to provide education, ease uncertainty and suppress rumors. Rest assured the school district is working very closely with the Hancock County Health Department and has conducted contact tracing and has contacted those who were close contacts to the individual, in an effort to reduce the risk of additional transmission.

The Illini West High School District is following the recommended CDC guidelines to clean and disinfect the facility. Individuals contacted by the school district who may have been exposed should monitor for symptoms and contact their healthcare provider to determine if a COVID-19 test should be performed. Symptoms reported among patients with COVID-19 include mild to severe respiratory illness with fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of sense of taste and or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

The Hancock County Health Department strongly urges people to take COVID-19 seriously. It is everyone's responsibility to help reduce the spread of illness. People should cover their cough and sneezes, wash hands with soap and warm water and stay home if they are ill. In addition, in public, face coverings should be worn when a 6 feet distance cannot be maintained.

If additional positive cases are confirmed within the school district, parents and guardians will be contacted. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Hancock County Health Department at [217-357-2171](tel:217-357-2171) or the Illini West High School District at 217-357-9607.

Sincerely,



Kim Schilson, Superintendent