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Gordon-Rushville Public Schools was notified on June 26, 2020 that an employee was confirmed with COVID-19. An investigation was conducted, no close contacts (defined as at least 15 minutes less than six feet apart) at the school were identified, and there are no concerns identified including the summer lunch program and weight room. These current offerings will continue to be accessed.

Gordon-Rushville Public Schools and Panhandle Unified Command remain proactive in preventing any potential concerns for employees, students, and the community as they remain committed towards mitigating any further risk and keeping everyone safe and healthy. They have worked closely with local health officials on this continually evolving situation.

“The school has remained committed to everyone’s health and safety through increased disinfecting and sanitizing practices, continuous reminders and prompts of social distancing, and frequent handwashing and/or sanitizing. We are going to work closely with Panhandle Public Health to implement a district-wide symptom monitoring practice,” said Michael Ziller, GRPS Board President.

Ziller added, “We anticipate as opportunities increase at the school and in our communities, we will work with Panhandle Unified Command to be as preventative as necessary for student, staff, and community safety.”

If anyone is experiencing any of the following: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, body chills, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, immediately call your local doctor, clinic, or 308-262-5764. We all have a part in the important prevention of COVID-19.

Keep up to date on important updates in the Panhandle by visiting www.pphd.org. You are always welcome to share questions or concerns with Gordon-Rushville Public Schools by calling 308-282-1322.

Panhandle Public Health District, Region 21, 22, and 23 Emergency Management, and Scotts Bluff County Health Department are working as a unified command on this evolving situation. Essential updates will be regularly communicated to the public and community partners.

For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website www.pphd.org.