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Greetings DCSD Families,

Delta County School District recognizes there is an increase in COVID-19 cases within our county. This week, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) alerted Delta County Health Department that they moved to a Level Orange (Level 3) on the COVID-19 Dial Framework.

As of right now, Delta County School District is not changing our learning model. We plan to continue with our in-person learning as we know our schools provide a safe and healthy learning environment which is best for our students.

As we watch the numbers rise, we are reminded of the reality of **possibly** moving individual cohorts, classrooms, schools or the District to a 100% remote learning. According to CDPHE guidelines, a school may have to close when 5% or more unrelated students/teachers/staff have confirmed COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period. Governor Jared Polis has repeatedly said he'd like to see schools remain open for in-person learning. "The classroom is one of the safest places," he said.

To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, all DCSD staff wear masks during the school day except for teachers who teach phonics or have other extraordinary instructional needs. Currently, 6th through 12th grade students are required to wear masks at all times, except when eating, while in school. DCSD follows all protocols when a positive case is confirmed and all exposed individuals are notified and quarantined as needed. If a student or staff member is exposed, that person is notified immediately and classroom precautions are implemented. DCSD continues to work closely with the Delta County Health Department as well as strictly adhering to the health standards and guidelines set forth by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Delta County COVID-19 cases are reported on the Delta County Health Department website. If cases were to increase to the point where a school or the District would need to move to a remote learning model, I want to assure parents that we will be ready to provide students with the support they need. If you find your student(s) struggling for any reason, please reach out to their counselor, teacher, or school administrator.

We are continuing to learn and adjust during these unsettling times. We are all in this together!

**Caryn Gibson**

Superintendent

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