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PRESS RELEASE

**WHAT: HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS
COVID-19 CASE CONFIRMATION**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

On Tuesday evening September 15, 2020, working with the local health department, Harrison County Schools has two (2) confirmed positive cases at Simpson Elementary School. The case(s) include one (1) student and one (1) staff member. After conducting the necessary contact tracing and investigations, it was determined that the school would be closed on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 for deep cleaning. Simpson Elementary School will re-open on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

The confirmed cases are believed to have resulted from outside of the school and not from infection transmissions within the school. In accordance with privacy laws, information specific to these cases will not be released publicly. However, details are being made available to keep the community informed of the transmission of COVID-19 locally.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, everyone is urged to follow best health practices as issued by the Governor's Executive Orders and outlined by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) guidance. This includes wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing, hand washing, and cleaning protocols regularly.

Those who feel they need to be tested, please contact your primary care provider, your local hospital, or your local healthcare clinic. For more information about COVID-19 visit the DHHR at www.coronavirus.wv.gov or the CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

For details about WVDE and DHHR guidance documents, visit <https://wvde.us/COVID19>.

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