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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

Dear Superintendents,

We understand that concerns have been raised about a group of teachers who participated in professional development at Wild Horse Casino and high school wrestlers who ate there last week.

We've been in contact with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) who says there is no reason for concern. Based on the information OHA has at this time, neither group who participated at the casino had significant exposure to anyone with COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. OHA's investigation is ongoing.

Health experts believe the virus spreads mainly from person-to-person:

- Between people in close contact within about 6 feet, or
- Through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or
- From contact with surfaces or objects recently contaminated by respiratory secretions from someone ill with COVID-19. However, health experts do not think this is the main way the virus spreads.

People who have not had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and who have not traveled to an affected region in the past 14 days should follow routine health practices: those with fever, cough or respiratory symptoms should stay home and minimize contact with others if their illness is mild. Those with more severe illness should seek medical care.

As always, practicing good hygiene measures such as frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds should be routine. Additional guidance can be found on our [COVID-19 Resources webpage](#).

Thank you for continuing to partner with [Oregon Department of Education](#) and [Oregon Health Authority](#) as we work to keep our communities safe and healthy. If you have any questions please reach out to [Communications Director Marc Siegel](#).

Sincerely,

Colt Gill