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COVID-19 Coronavirus – UPDATE

Edenton-Chowan Schools has been and will continue to be up front with communication and assistance to the public during the Coronavirus health crisis. Therefore, we are promptly informing you that the spouse of one of our school employees, who works at D.F. Walker Elementary School, has tested positive for COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Employment laws prohibit us from identifying the employee, however, we can share that the couple lives outside of Chowan County and the employee has not been in the building since Monday. Upon receiving notification late this afternoon, we immediately contacted the Health Department, Emergency Management and the local hospital. We immediately shut down the campuses of D.F. Walker and White Oak Elementary Schools. Per the advisement provided by the Albemarle Regional Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we have been and will continue to disinfect all buildings based on the CDC guidelines. Out of an abundance of caution, all school campuses will be closed Friday and Monday for all employees and staff members. Meal service will be suspended until Tuesday, March 24th. We will continue to notify the public, work with the Health Department and Emergency Management, and take responsive measures as appropriate. Thank you for your help and cooperation as, together, we work to protect the health of our students, teachers, staff, and our community.

For all of your questions regarding COVID-19, precautions, and general information, please consult credible sources first such as the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHS), and Albemarle Regional Health Services.

Here is a Comprehensive List of COVID-19 Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions from DHHS of North Carolina: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19/faq>