

Three schools in and around Texarkana confirmed one COVID-19 positive test each Thursday of either a student or staff member.

An employee at Texas High School has tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Texarkana Independent School District. Communications manager Tina Veal-Gooch said a notification letter was sent out immediately. Per Texas Education Agency guidelines, all staff members, as well as two people who might have been in proximity of the individual at Texas High, were notified.

In this case, Veal-Gooch said, masks were worn, social distancing was in place and a plexiglas shield barrier was between the infected individual and these two persons.

Pleasant Grove Independent School District was notified Wednesday that a student who tested positive for COVID-19 was on the campus of PG Intermediate School on Monday.

According to Communications Director Shelby Akin, a notification letter was sent home with all staff and students after being notified of the positive case around noon on Wednesday. The letter says district officials are working closely with the local health department to start a case investigation and contact any individuals determined to be in close contact with the infected individual.

The letter states, in part: "At this time, we believe the Pleasant Grove Intermediate School students are at a low risk of exposure due to social distancing and the use of masks."

Redwater Independent School District Superintendent Kelly Burns said Thursday a student who was lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 was at Redwater High School Field House on Aug. 7.

"We followed all Texas Education Agency and emergency operations protocols." Burns said.

Burns said notification was sent out to all parents/guardians of students who may have been in contact with this student, as well as all staff.

The notification stated that the Redwater Athletic Department disinfects the field house following practices daily, and that the Field House was closed Monday to give the local health department time to conduct their investigation.