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**Test Results Find No Additional Positive COVID-19 Cases Among
Pre-K 4 SA East Education Center Students**

Center will reopen Wednesday October 28; two classrooms will continue remote learning

SAN ANTONIO — Pre-K 4 SA East Education Center staff and students have tested negative for COVID-19, with the exception of the four positive staff members and one student that was announced Sunday. Test results for one staff member remain pending. This staff member will remain in quarantine until those results are received.

The Pre-K 4 SA East Education Center will reopen Wednesday, October 28. Classrooms that were not impacted will welcome teachers and children back for in-person learning. Teachers and children in the class with a positive test result will self-quarantine for 14 days and continue with remote learning during that time period.

“We are happy to report that no additional children or staff have tested positive,” said Pre-K 4 SA CEO Dr. Sarah Baray. “We take the safety of our students and staff very seriously, and because of the protocols we have in place, we were able to contain the situation with early and swift tracing and testing.”

Children and families received tests at no cost. Metro Health funded the testing, which was conducted through Community Labs, in collaboration with the San Antonio Fire Department.

“We understand that school closures are disruptive for children and families,” Baray added. “We appreciate that our families were understanding that this step was necessary because we always put the safety of our children, families and staff first. Center closure is part of our standing protocols which also include thorough cleaning and sanitizing, consistent use of face coverings by staff and children, frequent handwashing and daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms.”

Pre-K 4 SA worked with Metro Health to visit all four Education Centers on Monday to review COVID-19 prevention measures. Metro Health indicated that appropriate procedures and protocols are in place.

Background

Four staff members and one child at Pre-K 4 SA’s East Education Center tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend.

Immediately after receiving notification of the confirmed cases, Pre-K 4 SA implemented the following response protocols:

- conducted contact tracing;
- identified children and staff needing to quarantine; and
- cleaned and disinfected the building.

All Pre-K 4 SA East Center staff were tested on Sunday, and students and families were tested on Monday.

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About Pre-K 4 SA:

Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive early childhood initiative aimed at changing the education and workforce trajectory of San Antonio in one generation. Pre-K 4 SA offers full-day pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds living in the City of San Antonio. Pre-K 4 SA is free for qualifying students and also accepts tuition-paying students. The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Extended hours are available at no additional charge from 7:15 to 8 a.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. for working families. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included and free transportation is available to all students. Pre-K 4 SA has four Education Centers located throughout the city: North Education Center, 3635 Medical Dr.; South Education Center, 7031 S. New Braunfels Ave.; East Education Center, 5230 Eisenhower Rd.; and West Education Center, 1235 Enrique M. Barrera Memorial Parkway. The Gardendale Early Learning Program powered by Pre-K 4 SA is the first replication site and was made possible through a partnership with Edgewood Independent School District. This program creates greater capacity for high-quality early education with both pre-k and kindergarten classrooms. The Pre-K 4 SA Professional Learning program provides pre-kindergarten through third grade educators in San Antonio with complementary continuing education to support best practice instruction to help every child in San Antonio excel. The Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants program provides more than \$4 million in funding annually to increase quality and access in early childhood programs throughout San Antonio. Visit www.prek4sa.com for more information.