



NORMAN COUNTY EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2215

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Dear Norman County East Families;

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th! This is a day off for students, meaning no Distance Learning. We will be doing a thorough cleaning of our building and staff will be working on plans!

Unfortunately, our school has several positive cases of COVID 19. This is no one's fault, just the nature of COVID 19. Since youth have very mild or no symptoms, it is hard for them to slow down and stay home when they really don't feel sick. Symptoms of this current situation are mild cold symptoms that lasted 24-48 hours and resolved. The youth were still able to manage school and sports without issue, so it is really hard to slow down and stay home when the symptoms don't make you feel poorly enough to do so. This isn't just athletics, it is several grades that are involved with multiple students who have felt like they have a mild cold. Since the number of positives impacts a significant number of students who are now in quarantine, **we have decided to go distance learning for grades 7-12 until Thursday, March 4th, to give everyone a chance to recover and finish their quarantine. From Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, March 3, all 7-12th graders will distance learn. The only exception is Wednesday, February 24th as this is a teacher planning day per the Governor's Executive Order.**

Elementary students, PreK-6, will have in person learning starting again on Monday, February 22nd. Reminder that Wednesday, February 24th is a teacher planning day per the Governor's Executive Order.

Please talk to your child and ask them if in the last 10 days, they had any symptoms of a cold- stuffed up or runny nose, mild sore throat, sinus pressure, or fatigue. These are the common traits that our positives have. If they feel they have or had any of these symptoms recently, please get them tested. We would go by their symptom onset date to determine isolation, and your child would not be asked to quarantine for 90 days after isolation if they tested positive. The positive test gives your child or yourself a 90 day grace period where you would not be asked to quarantine if identified as a close contact. That grace period would last until almost the last day of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tracy, School Nurse, at 218-280-3125. The school will continue to do all we can to prevent the spread, and ask that you remind your child(ren) to let you know if they even have mild symptoms that might be COVID symptoms. We are just a little over 90 days away from the end of the school year, and we are hoping this will be the last time we have to transition to distance learning.

Sincerely,

Tracy Johnson
RN, Licensed School Nurse

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Superintendent

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Principal