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We will begin with cases reported. As you can tell, we continue to have more cases. Each situation is different. Some cases occur within the same household. Regardless of your thoughts on this pandemic, the virus does spread easily, and we encourage you to be wise.

One area that can really be helpful is monitoring your family health. AGAIN, if you have a student who does not feel well, please keep him/her at home. We realize that not every illness is Covid. However, at this point we need your help and an additional day staying at home with a student can make a huge difference.

## Currently

- High School—We have <u>5 additional cases since our last update</u>; <u>8 total confirmed student cases</u>; Juniors (3), Sophomore (3), and freshmen (2). We have 1 confirmed employee case.
- Junior High—We have 6 additional confirmed student cases; 11 total confirmed student cases: 8<sup>th</sup> graders (2); 7<sup>th</sup> graders (3); 6<sup>th</sup> graders (6). We have 1 additional confirmed employee for total of 3.
- Intermediate currently has no confirmed cases
- Elementary—3 total confirmed student cases: kinder (1), 1<sup>st</sup> grade (1), 2<sup>nd</sup> (1). We have one confirmed employee case.
- Other Adults—we have also been notified that 3 of our substitute teachers have tested positive. In the event of a substitute testing positive we will notify that campus via letter even though they are not an official employee.
- NOTES—many of our cases have noted a connection of family or situations outside of school. However, there are also cases where school connection could be involved.

As we have stated before, our goal is to be as safe as we can be. As a courtesy reminder, these are the steps we continually enact:

- We meet with representatives from Walker County Emergency operations
- We meet (via telecommunications) with representatives the Texas Department of State Health Services
- We meet as administrative teams to address areas of concern within district and review our own protocols (multiple times per week)—while we can't contact trace, we do attempt to find patterns.
- We meet with our custodial staff to make sure all areas are given the proper cleaning—and that areas where a positive case may have been (i.e. a classroom) are disinfected multiple times over multiple days. Additionally, we have supervisors perform quality control checks.
- We attempt to post the legal information we can to social media biweekly along with notifying by campus.
- We continue to remind our students of safe health practices and ask parents to do the same

We will continue to stand together, and we will continue to move forward. Thank you for your time.