



**HARVARD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 50**

CROSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Crosby Families,

Last Thursday, Crosby families received a letter about the COVID-19 outbreak status at Crosby Elementary School. Positive cases have continued to rise, and more than 200 Crosby students have been excluded as close contacts to a positive case. That is approximately 25% of the Crosby student body.

We are working with the county health department to monitor the situation and determine the next steps. Remote instruction is our last resort, and families will be notified immediately if an adaptive pause/remote learning is determined to be necessary. Please be prepared for this possibility. We do not want to make a decision that pulls students away from their teachers unless there is no other option.

It is important for all families to continue their mitigation efforts, including masking, handwashing, vaccination, and social distancing. The most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID is to monitor your child's health and check for symptoms each day. If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them at home and consider having them tested for COVID-19 before they return.

We know that a move to remote learning would be disruptive to families. Please help us avoid that possibility as we get closer to the end of our first semester. We hope that clear and direct communication will help improve our conditions. We want to be as transparent as possible so an abrupt change in education won't shock families. Let's hope we never get to that point. We appreciate your help and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Corey Tafoya

Harvard CUSD 50 Superintendent