

Dear Parents,

I am sure everyone is aware of the rising number of COVID cases in our area recently. Several surrounding schools have already had to move to Distance Learning. The biggest issue for them has been having too many employees out sick and not having enough substitutes to cover the classes, serve lunches, drive buses, etc.

At Inola, we have not hit a peak yet, but our numbers are increasing. I wanted to let you know how we will make a decision about moving to Distance Learning if it becomes necessary.

We will try to avoid closing all three schools if possible. For example, if we don't have enough staff to open the middle school, we would still keep the elementary and high school open. But if the issue is that we have too many bus drivers or cafeteria workers out sick, moving to Distance Learning District-wide would be unavoidable.

The teachers have been asked to be prepared for this and to make sure the students know where to find their assignments online if this happens. If we move to Distance-Learning, the teachers will still report to school and you can reach them at their phone number listed on the website: [www.inola.k12.ok.us](http://www.inola.k12.ok.us)

Finally, I will try to contact you about the closure as early as possible. If we are getting close to not having enough staff, I will probably go ahead and make the decision to close—I would rather let you know at 6:00 in the evening than at 6:00 the next morning!

Thank you,  
Dr. Kent Holbrook