

Alvord ISD Family:

We are beginning a series today to address the most frequently asked questions about the 2020-2021 school year.

Question: If the COVID-19 active case count in Wise County falls below 20 will face coverings be required at school?

Answer: Texas Governor Greg Abbott Executive Order GA 29 requires that face coverings must be worn by everyone 10 years or older in counties with more than 20 active COVID-19 cases. If Wise County becomes exempt from the order, Alvord ISD students 10 years and older and staff members will not be required to wear face coverings at school.

The exemption from the Governor's order, however, is not automatic if the number of active cases in Wise County falls below 20. The county must first submit an exemption which must be approved by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) before the exemption will be approved.

Question: Will students be allowed to drink from the water fountains at school?

Answer: No one will be allowed to drink from the water fountains at school. Students will be allowed to bring water bottles from home. We ordered touchless water dispensers for each campus this summer; we don't expect to receive those until sometime after Labor Day. When the water dispensers are installed, students will be able to fill up their water bottles at school.

More information about our safety protocols can be found at <https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/97d6de02a24341d8a6093ca37c3518eb.pdf>

The health and safety of our students and staff is our first priority. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.