

November 3, 2020

Alvord ISD Family:

Due to the recent increase in the number of active COVID-19 cases in our school district we will continue to offer remote learning as an option to all students through December 18, 2020.

Our 5th grade class is a concern due to the number of positive cases affecting that grade level. To help prevent further spread of the virus all 5th grade students will learn virtually until at least Monday, November 16th. On campus instruction will not be offered to 5th grade students from Wednesday, November 4th through Friday, November 13th.

To help prevent further spread of the virus we are also encouraging all of our elementary parents to keep their students at home and allow them to learn remotely until Monday, November 30th.

I have had some suggest that we close as a result of the increase in cases. Texas Education Agency guidelines allow school districts to temporarily close for up to only 5 days to give us time to disinfect and provide notification of positive cases. Our maintenance and custodial staff are doing a great job of cleaning and disinfecting our buildings, and we have been providing regular updates of positive COVID-19 cases. In our situation we cannot be certain that a short term closure would be effective in preventing the spread of the virus as individuals can be carrying and spreading the virus without symptoms for up to 14 days. Remote learning is our best available tool to prevent the spread of the virus at this time.

Please keep those who have been infected or in close contact in your prayers. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your campus principal.

Sincerely

Dr. Randy Brown

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