

Alvord ISD Family:

We have had a few frequently asked questions since Governor Abbott announced his latest executive order and the Alvord ISD school board voted to eliminate the mask mandate. The guidance we receive from the state is sometimes vague and often changes, the answers below are based on our interpretation of the most recent guidance available.

Question: are schools now allowed to host indoor events and activities at 100% capacity?

The latest guidance from the Texas Education Agency and from the University Interscholastic League (UIL) does give school districts the authority host indoor activities and to determine spectator capacity and seating arrangements. We will be making decisions and announcements soon about spring events including (but not limited to) banquets, rise and shine, and graduation.

Question: Have quarantine rules changed since masks are now optional?

The guidance from the Texas Education Agency regarding quarantine (a stay at home period for those who may have been in contact with individuals who tested positive) has changed throughout this school year. We believe the latest guidance gives schools the authority to make a quarantine period mandatory or optional. Depending on the situation and the nature of the close contact we could make a quarantine period mandatory or we could decide to notify parents and make the quarantine period optional.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging situations together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Brown

Alvord ISD Superintendent