Our Administrative Team at Skiatook Public Schools, through our partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Tulsa Health Department, closely examines all COVID-19 related cases and quarantine numbers within our schools, zip code, and county on a daily basis. At Newman Middle School, we currently have 17 students and 3 staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. Following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for quarantining people in close contact with a COVID-19 individual has resulted in 2 staff members to quarantine and 283 students to quarantine. The current number of students quarantined due to COVID-19 has prompted Newman Middle School to pivot to Distance Learning for the next week and a half. All middle school students will return to in-person learning Monday, February 1, 2021.

During Distance Learning, middle school students will be required to log into Google Classroom daily to receive instruction for all classes. In the event that your student does not have internet access, a paper packet will be provided. The specifics of Distance Learning can be found on pages 13 and 14 of our Return to Learn Plan. Specific building wide information will be sent out and posted in the same manner it was distributed during the last pivot to Distance Learning. During this Distance Learning time, all non-quarantined students can still participate in extracurricular activities. The COVID-19 screening process prior for extracurricular activity participation will include a temperature check and completion of the COVID-19 questionnaire.

Currently, there is no need to alter the instructional delivery for the other sites in our district. Marrs Elementary (Grades PK-1) has 0 positive staff members, 53 students quarantining due to close contact, and 3 staff members quarantining due to close contact. Skiatook Elementary (Grades 2-3) has 4 positive students, 82 students quarantining due to close contact and 6 staff members quarantining due to close contact. Skiatook Intermediate Elementary (Grades 4-5) has 0 positive students, 41 students quarantining due to close contact and 0 staff members quarantining due to close contact. Skiatook High School (Grades 9-12) has 4 positive students, 109 students quarantining due to close contact and 9 staff members quarantining due to close contact.

Middle School students can pick up meals from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at the Newman Middle School student drop off loop at the front of the school. This meal pick up will be available weekdays through Friday, January 29, 2021.

The safety of our students is our top priority. Thank you for supporting your middle school student during the Distance Learning time.

Sincerely,

Rick Thomas
Superintendent

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