



Unified School District 247 Southeast

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Home of the Lancers

Brad Miner, Superintendent



Good Afternoon,

As we have navigated through the COVID-19 pandemic we have consistently followed the guidance set forth from the CDC, KDHE, and Crawford County Health Department. The guidelines have been updated several times in the last few weeks and this is an attempt to give you the most up to date information.

If someone is positive for COVID-19 they will need to isolate for a minimum of 5 calendar days. Cases that are symptom free or have shown considerable improvement of symptoms may return to school and wear a mask for an additional 5 days. Improvement of symptoms includes being fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Students that return after 5 days will not be permitted to engage in athletics or other strenuous activities within the 10 days from becoming a positive case.

If someone is a household contact for COVID-19 they will need to either test to stay daily or home quarantine for 10 days. If a person chooses to test and stay they will need to wear a mask and test negative daily for 10 days and then continue wearing a mask for an additional 5 days.

Going forward the school district will not be engaging in contact tracing, nor testing all close contacts. If your child is exposed to COVID-19 you will receive a message stating that they had a classroom exposure and that you should monitor your child for symptoms. We will test students that have been exposed if requested to do so by the parent/guardian.

The district will continue to follow the 3% guidelines for mask optional. If a building has more than 3% of students and staff out for COVID-19, the building will move to mask-required for a minimum of 10 days. If at the conclusion of the 10 days a building is still over the 3% threshold, that building will remain mask required until the following Friday, at which time another review will take place. You may access the COVID-19 dashboard on the district website to monitor how many daily cases there are in each building.

We will make every effort to remain open as long as we are able to adequately staff our buildings. In the event we must cancel we will communicate using our SwiftReach call out service.

We thank you for your support during these challenging times. Please reach out to your building principals if you have additional questions.

Respectfully,

USD 247 Administration