

# Wilson County Health Department

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In a collaborative decision between the USD #484 School District, the Wilson County Health Department, and the Wilson County Health Officer, and after careful planning and guidance from national, state, and local health officials, we are suspending all in-person classes and activities during the week of March 23-27, 2020.

This decision has been made to help protect the health of all members of our community, including those who may be at higher risk of the effects of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The concept of social distancing has been shown to slow a disease outbreak during times of concern with pandemics. This means we reduce the number of times and places that people gather in large numbers or spend extensive time together. By slowing the spread of the disease, medical facilities are better able to handle the demand, which saves lives in the long run.

In order to decrease the risk of the spread of COVID-19, we are taking these immediate steps:

- **USD #484 will suspend in-person classes at all campuses the week of March 23-27, 2020.** During this time students are strongly encouraged stay home if possible.
- **There will be no sports practices or organizational meetings during this time.**
- **An update will be provided on March 26, 2020.**

This strategy is being implemented by the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Independence Community College among other schools in Kansas.

Thank you for your understanding. Our primary concern is the health and safety of the people of our community.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jennifer B. McKenney, MD in black ink.

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