

MEDINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Medina ISD has had two members of the Medina ISD learning community that have tested positive for Covid-19. Medina ISD will not share any health information on the students or their names. We will, however, investigate any person(s) who may have had close contact with the students prior to testing positive within the timelines where the individuals would be considered contagious. The students are contained to our lower grades at our elementary. All students have used sneeze guards and all teachers are in face coverings.

We have several days this week and next week where we are out of school, so to err on the side of caution, we will go to remote learning beginning tomorrow, January 13th through January 24th for grades Pre-K 3/4 through 3rd only. Days of remote learning will be the 13th, 19th, 20th & 21st of January. Students will return to school on January 25, 2021 at regularly scheduled time. The other days during this time period were already school holidays, so no remote learning will occur on school holidays. Grades kindergarten through third grade are receiving their Chromebooks today and will receive remote learning instructions via email from their classroom teachers. Pre-K 3 / 4 will be learning through the SeeSaw learning app which they have been using since the first day of school. For any questions and inquires please contact the elementary office.

The students who have tested positive will be directed to follow the advice from medical professionals and CDC guidelines, including the possible imposition of a quarantine and required symptom-free period prior to returning to work or school. Medina ISD will continue to identify and notify others who may have been exposed and place these individuals on a mandatory 10-day quarantine.

- *Practice enhanced sanitation of our buildings on a regular basis
- *Continue to enforce face covering policy at Medina ISD
- *Conduct routine temperature checks on all students, staff, parents and visitors who enter the campus prior to admission into our school.
- *Report all posted Covid 19 cases to the TEA, and the Bandera County Health Dept.

At any time students or staff members become ill at Medina ISD we will respect their privacy as well as supporting them and their families through these trying times. The pandemic is a nasty part of the world we live in now and we must practice preventative practices each and every day. The health and safety of our students and staff is priority #1 at Medina ISD.

Sincerely, Kevin W. Newsom Medina ISD Superintendent kevin.newsom@medinaisd.com