



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

ISD #261

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Attention Ashby families:

This afternoon, the incident command team met to discuss the rising number of cases in our county, the number of active cases, the number of students and staff currently quarantined, and the overall current state of affairs at the school as we navigate these cases.

Currently, Ashby school has 81 students quarantined in preschool through 12th grade along with 7 staff members. With the lack of substitutes available to cover staff quarantines and the challenges associated with serving a growing number of students in multiple learning models, the district has made the decision to move into distance learning beginning next week and anticipate bringing students back to school by December 14th.

Next week students and families can expect the following:

Monday: No school (scheduled staff in-service day)

Tuesday: No school (additional staff day/meals and childcare for essential workers will be available)

Wednesday - Friday: Distance Learning (A schedule for middle school and high school students will be coming soon.)

Throughout this year, our goal has been to provide the best education we can regardless of the learning model. As we make this transition to distance learning, we feel our students are prepared and able to work through this challenge. We know the burden this puts on all of you and understand the challenges this brings at home. We will continue to look at our numbers on a daily basis in hopes that we will find a trend that brings our students back into school soon.

We ask that while students are home, families continue to notify us of positive cases and close contacts, as this information will continue to be tracked here and through the state as we make future decisions to bring our students back to in-person learning.

More information and surveys will come tomorrow. Should you have any questions or concerns please call the school tomorrow.

Respectfully,

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