



Friday, September 3, 2021

Academy ISD school community,

In response to the rise of COVID-19 cases around the area and within our school district, I want to assure everyone that AISD is committed to having school in person and providing the very best for our students and staff. A couple of changes to our protocols are below:

- The AISD COVID-19 dashboard, while not mandatory, has been placed back on the AISD website for all to get a glimpse of the situation at hand. Changes to the dashboard are due to new guidance from BCHD and what we are trying to show as the true narrative of our cases. Some districts choose not to show “rapids” at all.
- For another layer of mitigation - we have begun using antigen rapid tests with parent/guardian consent. This has proven to show that a larger number of students are testing positive than we had last year. Rapid tests are beneficial to us as an indicator and allows us to mitigate the spread of the virus on campuses more quickly.
- Household siblings will be quarantined unless they are vaccinated. Evidence has presented itself that familial spread is very prevalent.

As you can clearly see on our dashboard, COVID-19 is prevalent in our district and community. All Bell County school superintendents meet with the Bell County Health District each Wednesday and share information and formulate guidance that is helpful for each individual district. Some districts enact different protocols as they deem appropriate for their community. We are striving to keep you informed and allow you, the parent/guardian, to make the best decision for your student.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times and thank you for your support of our great school community as we continue to try and take care of Academy.
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My very best,

Billy Harlan

Billy Harlan, Superintendent