



Dear Arickaree Parents,

With COVID 19 cases increasing, Washington County will be moving to Red Level on the state status dial beginning tomorrow. What does that mean for us as a district? Truly not much. Districts are still encouraged to make decisions based on what is best for their specific set of data and what is best for the students they have. Mr. McFadden, the staff, and I meet tomorrow to review our data, discuss our current protocols and procedures, and determine how we continue to move forward. As many of you have undoubtedly heard, the recommendation is to have only 50% of our students on campus on a daily basis. This recommendation also includes keeping Pk-5 on campus and sending 6-12 to distance learning. We do not believe this is necessary for us at this point.

Arickaree has had four positive cases since the beginning of school. Each case has been handled following the direct advice from Trish McClain who is the director of the Northeast Health Department. Quarantine procedures will vary depending on when a person becomes symptomatic, when they test for COVID 19, as well as when they were around others at school. For example, if there has been 48-hours from when a person was last at school and became symptomatic or tested positive, there is no need to quarantine others at school. This has been the situation in the four positive cases above. When a person tests positive or has been in direct contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) they must quarantine for 14 days. This includes entire households unless they completely isolate from the positive individual. We have not had to quarantine any cohort due to positive contact. I know this is getting somewhat confusing and either Mr. McFadden or I would be happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have in regards to your child's safety in attending school. As an entire staff and student body, we are working diligently to keep each other safe.

Mr. Myers, Mr. McFadden, and I will be in touch as information comes out about what inside sports will look like. Specific guidance has yet to release from CHSAA, but they are working with the Governor's office on a variance.

Everyone here at Arickaree hopes you enjoy your Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy your family!!

Mrs. Rodwell