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All districts in Rooks County will be on an extended Thanksgiving break next week with **NO School the week of November 23-28**. Please enjoy this time with your immediate family. We encourage you to relax and appreciate the time with your loved ones.

Rooks County has seen a significant increase in both the number of positive cases and the rate of positive tests. Hospitals in Kansas are feeling the effects of this increase in very serious ways. RCH does have bed space available today but is experiencing difficulty every day with finding a place for patients who need transfer to a higher level of care. HaysMed and Salina are at capacity and currently on diversion, so patients are being transferred to Wichita or Kansas City. These cities are also noting bed shortages, which is concerning. What we do locally impacts these numbers.

With the holiday season upon us, we ask you to do everything you can to help us keep our students in school and our community in a healthy place. Please wear a mask when you interact with anyone outside your immediate household and avoid all gatherings, large and small. We are thankful to live in a county where we take care of one another. Happy Thanksgiving from the Rooks County medical providers and school district employees!

Our Rooks County team will meet next Friday to review data and send out an update for the week of November 30 - December 4th.