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Rooks County continues to see a high number of new COVID-19 cases (65 over the last week) and still has a positivity rate of more than 40% this week. RCH reports they are still having difficulty finding receiving hospitals when patients require transfer to a higher level of care. With families gathering during the Thanksgiving holiday, we expect a further increase in the number of cases during the next two weeks and plan to modify our extracurricular activities to minimize the risk of transmission at a school-based event.

Effective starting on Monday, November 30, 2020, USD 270 will initiate the policy to not allow spectators to any and all extracurricular activities. This also includes Music and Fine Art events including our K-6 Winter Music program originally scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Currently at this time, special modifications are being planned for our K-6 students to perform their music and take part in a prerecorded program to provide for our families and patrons. Links will be provided via our school website and district Facebook page once we are able to complete the recordings.

This policy will also have immediate effect pertaining to the scheduled Junior High Basketball game vs. Stockton at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020. Again, special arrangements are being made at this time to provide our community with live stream links so that the games can be viewed via Bird's Eye View. Please look for links for live streaming of events on the District website and District Facebook page.

Please know decisions such as these do not come easy. Regardless of the ever changing data and status of the COVID-19 virus, USD 270 will remain dedicated to doing whatever we can to keep our students safe and provide them the opportunity to participate. As always, USD 270 will continue to ask our families and patrons to please wear a mask when you interact with anyone outside your immediate household and avoid all gatherings, large and small, which have been the source of spread over the last several weeks. We are thankful to live in a county where we take care of one another.

Happy Holidays from USD 270!