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Rooks County continues to have significant COVID-19 activity within our community and schools. The absenteeism rate is increasing (3.6 above the baseline from 2019-2020). The positive testing rate and the two week incident rate have both increased over the last week.

Due to the increases occurring within the other districts within the county, their schools will be implementing a change in their educational environments. Some of these changes include remote learning at either the elementary or secondary levels. At this time USD 270 plans to **continue in-person learning for the week of November 9-13, 2020**. If there is any adjustment required to the learning setting due to concerns in the schools, we will update your family quickly following a decision.

We would like to ask the community to help us keep our schools open by helping reduce the spread in the community. This can be accomplished by wearing face coverings, implementing social distancing, practicing good hand hygiene, and limiting social gatherings. Please keep all students home if they are feeling ill.

We appreciate the support of the community as we work through these issues each week. It is important for us to work together to keep our students, staff, and community safe. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.