

**2021-1-8**

**Rooks County continues to see new COVID-19 cases throughout the county. The positive testing rate has increased to 45.9% this week. The increase in the positive testing rate is related to an outbreak in a facility. RCH reports they are still having difficulty finding receiving hospitals when patients require transfer to a higher level of care. We continue to monitor numbers closely.**

**School districts will continue in-person for the week of January 11-15, 2021. 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. KSHSAA guidelines regarding participation and spectators allow two parents/guardians (per family) to attend an event. Parents/guardians must be listed on the pass gate to enter the facility. Face masks and social distancing are required. Please be advised, some districts are not allowing any spectators. Announcements will be made as information is available.**

**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. We are looking forward to a great new year in 2021. Welcome back from the Rooks County medical providers and school district employees!**