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Rooks County schools have had a decrease in COVID-19 activity this week. While we have some students who are quarantined at home, we have no known transmission of COVID in our schools. Our decision is based on a continued low level of absenteeism in the schools (only 1.6% above baseline from the 2019-2020 school year), a declining positive testing rate in the county (10.7% over the last two weeks) and a decreasing incidence rate in Rooks County over the last two weeks.

We plan to **continue in-person learning for the week of October 19-23, 2020** and will monitor the data over the coming week closely. 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.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association released information this week regarding postseason regulations. Masks are required for attendance at all KSHSAA postseason events. Maximum fan attendance is 50% of venue capacity. Rooks County will continue to limit attendance of spectators at sporting events as well. All spectators must wear masks at all times during every sporting event.

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.