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For the week of **September 21 through 25**, all schools in Rooks County plan to **continue with in-person learning**. Our decision is based on a continued low level of absenteeism in the schools (only 0.5% above baseline from the 2019-2020 school year), a low positive testing rate in the county (5.7% over the last two weeks) and a decreasing incidence rate in Rooks County over the last two weeks.

When reviewing all relevant metrics for COVID-19 in our county, we are in the **green zone**, which means we may continue with our current method of education according to the Kansas State Department of Education Navigating Change guidelines.

All of the districts in the county have the same goal of keeping our students in school. Our health experts recommend we continue in-person learning with universal masking and social distancing precautions in place. We appreciate the support of our families as we work together to provide a healthy environment for our students.

We will continue to monitor the data closely and provide another update next Friday. Please feel free to contact us directly if you have any questions about the information or the decision.