



Greetings Wellsville!

We hope this message finds you well as we all find ways to celebrate successes, have fun in safe ways, and as we continue to navigate through any number of challenges this fall. We wanted to take a moment to simply say “Thank You!” for everything you have done, are doing, and will continue to do to help our students and our school.

We also wanted to take a moment to acknowledge a few things that are just around the corner for all of us, which includes colder weather, more time inside, the onset of cold and flu season, and the upcoming holiday season. Combining these factors with the current trend of rising COVID-19 positive cases across Kansas and across the United States, we wanted to stress the importance of continuing to practice social distancing (at least 6 feet), frequent handwashing, and wearing a mask. Should you encounter any symptoms, we have included a graphic [HERE](#) that shares which symptoms are most commonly associated with the cold, the flu, and COVID-19.

We have also included the most recent FAQ from the Franklin County Health Department [HERE](#). If you have questions regarding the FAQ, please contact the Franklin County Health Department at 785-229-3530. The number of cases in our area have risen in recent weeks. While we have had students and staff enter the COVID-19 protocol process due to exposure outside of school, we have not yet seen evidence of transmission within the school building. This is positive news as an in-person learning model and participating in extracurricular activities is what we all desire for our students.

While we have to be flexible and responsive in our approach, the plan at this point is to remain in-person unless one of the thresholds in the COVID-19 Standard Response Protocols for Franklin County School Districts ([HERE](#)) is reached. If that occurs, a short term Remote Learning model for a building or district may be required. The other scenario that could result in a short term Remote Learning Model is if enough staff are in the COVID-19 protocol that an in-person learning model is not able to be delivered. We have been in person successfully now for several weeks. That was made possible by everyone working together to help keep our students and staff safe.

We hope that you have a restful and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Ryan Bradbury
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