

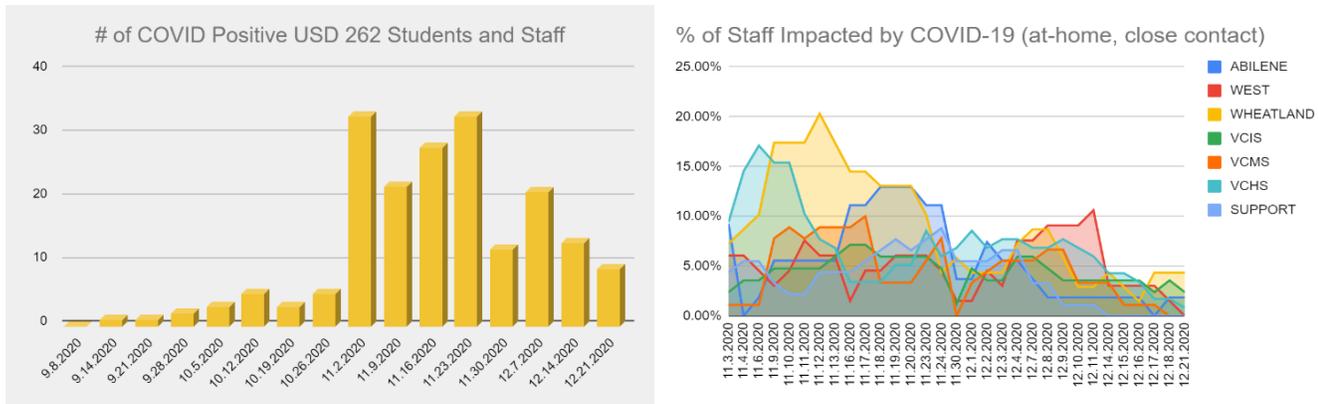
MEMO: January Learning Modes - December 22nd, 2020

Dear Hornet Family,

The Hornet Gating Taskforce met yesterday evening to discuss learning modes following the winter break. Although it is difficult to predict the rate of COVID 19 transmission in January, the taskforce felt, based on our data points, that it was appropriate to begin a gradual and safe transition to in-person learning modes. The taskforce will meet again on January 11th to determine if any adjustments need to be made to this plan.

- **ELEMENTARY AND VALLEY CENTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS:**
 - REMOTE LEARNING MODE: January 4th, 5th, 6th.
 - IN-PERSON LEARNING MODE: Beginning January 7th.
- **VALLEY CENTER MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS:**
 - REMOTE LEARNING MODE: January 4th – 15th (End of 1st Semester).
 - HYBRID LEARNING MODE: Beginning the week of January 18th.

Beginning in January, the district will follow the KSHSAA spectator policy, allowing two guardians/parents per participant to attend in-person activities. Pictured below are two graphs that illustrate our USD 262 COVID trend data.



All mitigating factors, including daily temperature checks, sanitization efforts, masking, and social distancing, will remain in effect.

Additional measures we are taking include the following:

- We recently began random COVID surveillance testing of staff.
- We will continue to offer rapid COVID testing of symptomatic students and staff.
- In partnership with KU School of Medicine, we will soon have a medical clinic in our district accessible to students and staff.
- We are working alongside officials to make the vaccine available to staff (likely late winter/early spring).
- Congress approved a bill late last night that provides funding to support safety and continued operations during a pandemic.

We appreciate the grace, patience, and support you have shown us through this challenging time. We wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and enjoyable Holiday Season.



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