

Dear USD 353 and Wellington Community,

I announced on Monday that the USD 353 medical panel has made the recommendation to continue to operate in a hybrid model until Nov. 13th. There will be no school on Monday, Nov. 2nd due to teacher inservice. Therefore, onsite students will attend school next week on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd -Friday, Nov. 6th. There will be NO remote learning on Wednesday Nov. 4th. Students will attend in person that day. The following week, Nov. 9-13th will be a normal hybrid week with remote learning on Wednesday.

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in our area, we will continue to monitor our numbers and data weekly and heed the advice of our experts on the medical panel. As alway, we thank them for their time and expertise. As a reminder, to find a weekly update of current active COVID-19 cases in our schools and other important information on the USD 353 website. Also, please remember that we are in constant communication with the Sumner County Health Department. They will conduct contact tracing and notify anyone affected. If there is a positive case in your school, the SCHD will determine if you are considered a close contact. You do not need to quarantine unless you are contacted by the SCHD. However, if you are exhibiting symptoms please stay home.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. While this year has been challenging, I continue to be encouraged by the many instances of our administrators, teachers and staff going above and beyond for our students. I am also encouraged by the effort and resilience of our students. We will continue to work together to ensure a safe and successful school year.

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