



December 10, 2020

PCS Families,

Important Announcement Regarding Pelham Oaks Elementary

This week, we have experienced an increase in quarantine numbers and positive COVID cases among the teachers and staff at Pelham Oaks Elementary. The quarantine numbers are approaching levels which will make it difficult for us to carry on normal school operations next week. To reiterate, these numbers are related to teachers and staff only. The number of students with positive cases and/or in quarantine remains at an acceptable level.

For the week of December 14 - 18, ALL Pelham Oaks Elementary students will transition to REMOTE learning. Pelham Oaks Parents: please monitor your email for communication and further instructions from the school.

Pelham Oaks Elementary families who wish to begin remote learning as early as tomorrow, Friday, December 11, are encouraged to do so as we will be operating with staff limitations. If you choose to begin remote learning tomorrow, please send an email to your student's teacher, and they will be excused.

Pelham Ridge Elementary, Pelham Park Middle School, and Pelham High School will continue with normal school operations for all traditional and blended students for the week of December 14-18. Quarantine and positive case numbers in those schools are at an acceptable level at this time.

We will continue to monitor our data closely, and we remain committed to making health and safety procedures and guidelines our priority as we bring the first semester to a close next week.

A few reminders:

- Please do not send your student to school if they are sick. We have seen staff and students with mild symptoms testing positive for COVID-19. [Click here for an overview of COVID symptoms and quarantine guidance.](#)
- If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please notify your school nurse or call 205-624-3816.

- Important factors to help mitigate the spread of illness include frequent handwashing, wearing a mask around others, staying home when you are not feeling well, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Please make sure your student has their mask with them when arriving at school. Masks are required every day at school.

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to adapt to the circumstances we face in light of the pandemic.

Be safe and stay well,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
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