



Quitman Independent School District

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Re: School Closure

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first nine weeks of our school year went better than expected with regards to Covid-19. **We are very fortunate that the number of students testing positive for Covid-19 has remained remarkably low.** Unfortunately, we have had multiple staff members at the elementary campus test positive, and have a significant number that are now in quarantine. Notifications have all been made and anyone that was in close contact has been notified. The impact from staff illness and quarantining is significant enough that we do not have the personnel to monitor all students. Due to this we have made the difficult decision to close our campuses next week. While the secondary campuses have sufficient staff we recognize the need in many families to have older siblings supervise younger siblings, consequently the Junior High School and High School will also move to at-home learning.

- Beginning Monday, October 26, and on Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28th all QISD students will receive instruction at home.
- Students in grades 6-12 will use their Chromebooks to log into Google Classroom for assignment.
- Elementary students will have assignments sent home today, Friday, October 23rd.
- Thursday and Friday will be school holidays and will not need to be made up. We built in extra days to our calendar in anticipation that there would be times during the school year that Covid-19 would impact our ability to have face-to-face instruction.
- Students should report back to face-to-face learning on Monday, November 2nd.
- Extracurricular events for junior high and high school will continue when possible. Updates will be sent throughout the week and can be found on our website at www.quitmanisd.net and social media.

We appreciate your cooperation during this continued pandemic as we strive to meet the needs of all kids. As always, you can access our Strong Start documents, updated COVID-19 case reports, and much more on our website. Just click on 20-21 School Information on the homepage. For campus specific information contact the Principal's Office.

Bulldog best,

Rhonda D. Turner