## **NUECES CANYON**



## Consolidated Independent School District

"The Pride of Nueves Canyon"

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In our efforts to be transparent with our entire NC community, please be aware that NCCISD has had nine students test positive for COVID-19.

Close contacts have been determined and they must quarantine as well. We realize that this creates difficulties for our families, but it is the safest option for our school and community. Work has been sent home to the students who are quarantining and breakfast and lunch are made available daily.

We are continuing to follow our COVID-19 mitigation protocols. While we are recommending that masks be worn, we are not and cannot legally mandate the wearing of masks. It is worth noting that an individual being vaccinated and / or masked has an impact on quarantine decisions according to TEA, CDC, and Region 8 Health Department guidance.

We have had inquiries as to why we do not shift to remote learning as a district, like we have done at times during the last two years, due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, state law does not allow this. Remote instruction for the entire district is not an option. We either must have school or the entire school must close, with days to be made up during holiday breaks or summer.

These two requirements must be met for a student to go remote:

- The student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition
- The total amount of remote conferencing instruction does not exceed more than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year

In addition, one of the following requirements also must be met:

- The student's temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the U.S. The document must include a statement from the physician that the student is to remain confined to their home or to a hospital.
- The student has a positive test result for a communicable condition.
- The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.

We are working diligently to maintain the safest environment we can for our students – that is our number one priority. If you have any questions, please contact your campus principal.