

# BLUM SCHOOL

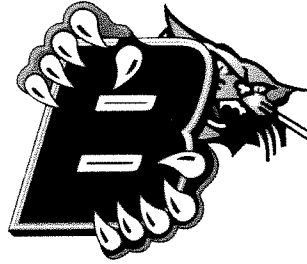
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The Texas Education Agency allows Blum ISD to restrict student access to on-campus instruction by offering students remote instruction for up to 14 calendar days because of a confirmed COVID -19 outbreak. **Due to Blum ISD's continuing rise in COVID-19 cases since coming back from Thanksgiving in both staff and students, we have made the hard decision to have all students go remote for learning next week, December 14-18.** The hope is that by going remote before the Christmas break, we will have extra time for the COVID-19 outbreak to run its course. We have every intention of starting back face-to-face January 5th. In order to ensure we are able to do this, we need everyone taking steps to limit contracting and spreading COVID-19 while out of school.

Please follow these guidelines if you have had close personal contact, or have been diagnosed, before returning to school:

If an individual has had close contact exposure, they may come back after day 10 of the exposure without testing, OR after day 7 after exposure after receiving a negative test result. If a person returns during this time frame, the person will STILL need to closely monitor themselves for symptoms for the duration of the 14-day incubation period.

If an individual has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when ALL three (3) of the following criteria are met:

- At least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reduction medication);
- The individual has improvement in symptoms(e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Also, if someone in a household-parent, child, etc.- is exhibiting any symptoms, feel they need to be tested, or are waiting on test results, please do not send your children to school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 254-874-5231 and ask to speak to your child's/children's principal.