



➤ Oklahoma School for the Blind

January 8, 2022

Dear OSB parents and staff,

Due to a rise in Covid numbers in our state and having some positive cases among students and staff, we have made the decision to move students to distance learning for next week (January 10-13) in order to prevent community spread. Those students and staff affected by the current positive cases have already been notified. We plan to return the following week and run routes on Monday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Day, at regular times and resume school on Tuesday, January 18th.

There is nothing more important to OSB than the safety and health of our students, our staff, and their families. We are working with county health department officials to stay abreast of the current situation. The new Omicron variant is said to be more highly contagious than the other variants we have experienced in the past. If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness within 24hrs of boarding transportation or returning to school, please refrain from sending them and keep them home. We ask that you notify the school if they will be absent.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a cloth mask in public when you cannot social distance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact OSB office at (918) 781-8200. Thank you for your support of OSB.

Sincerely,

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