

Royal Valley announces reopening changes

**(KNZA )--Royal Valley USD 337 is pushing back the start of school and making some changes to reopening plan.**

**In a post on the district's Facebook page, Superintendent Aaric Davis announced he was informed by the Jackson County Health Department Thursday night that they are not recommending the Royal Valley District start with full on-site learning on Monday.**

**As a result, Davis said he's making some changes for next week. He said there will be no school on Monday or Tuesday, and they will begin with small groups of priority learners on Wednesday and all other students will start classes remotely on Wednesday too.**

**Beginning the week of August 31st, the district will begin a hybrid model where priority learners come everyday and all other students attend 2 days per week.**

**The district says the determination of which students are priority learners will be made as soon as possible and parents will be notified.**

**Davis said with this change so close to the start of the year, additional planning will be required and they will get additional information out as soon as possible.**

**In addition, Davis said sports practices and competition are suspended immediately and the earliest they may resume is Monday, August 31st.**

**The Jackson County Health Department on Thursday reported five new positive cases of COVID-19 in the county, bringing the county's total to 178. 156 individuals have recovered and there are currently no hospitalizations.**

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