

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Hello Knights,

As more and more reports come in throughout the state and country of students and staff being quarantined or testing positive for COVID-19, we all need the reminder to stay vigilant (myself included). We all have a responsibility in keeping our communities and school district as healthy as possible. I applaud the Union students and families for being proactive in our response to this virus. The sooner the school district is aware of a test result, the sooner and more effectively we can implement our protocols to assist in mitigation. While we respect everyone's right to privacy, please understand, we cannot assist with an issue if we do not know about it. Please do not assume the school district "knows" everything in regards to various COVID cases.

Here is our weekly update regarding our school district's current COVID-19 data. As I stated last week, I am aware that data can be pulled from various sources. We will be utilizing the COVID-19 Iowa website and the zip code positivity rate is from *The Waterloo Courier* article on September 8, 2020.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 8.1% (down 1.7%)
 - Tama County- 7.4% (down 3.8%)
 - Benton County- 6.4% (up 0.3%)
 - Buchanan County- 4.4% (Up 1.6%)
 - La Porte City's positivity rate was 1.4% earlier this week (down 0.2%)
 - Tama County is currently not calculating this percentage
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Minimal to Moderate
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- 0
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 6
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 52 (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average District Attendance Rate- 95.6%

I have also attached to this email an Iowa Department of Public Health document that outlines conditions and mitigation approaches and a district flowchart to assist families with decision making regarding COVID. These documents are here for reference and may be subject to change as information is updated from county and state public health offices.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your student's building principal or myself with any questions that you may have regarding our school district's plan or for other information.

Take Care & Go Knights!

Travis Fleshner
Superintendent