

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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As we bring our first full week of school to a close, I thought it would be helpful to update you on our status as it relates to COVID-19. I will try and send out a communication each Friday to keep you abreast of our school district's status. It is my intent that this information will assist in communication. Please note, I am offering district totals for data points. While we track individual buildings, I feel it is best to offer you an overall picture of our school district.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their efforts to open our school district. There are many behind the scenes personnel that have worked many long hours preparing our school district for this most unique start to the school year. If you haven't done so, please take a moment to thank your child's teacher and building principal for their efforts.

The school district will continue to update our Return to Learn Plan and address our mitigation efforts. As we had anticipated we have already adjusted some of our protocols to better serve our students and staff without wavering from safety.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling average)
 - Black Hawk County- 9.8%
 - Tama County- 11.2%
 - Benton County- 6.1%
 - Buchanan County- 2.8%
 - La Porte City's Positivity Rate was 1.6% earlier this week
 - Tama County is currently not calculating this percentage
- [Iowa Department of Public Health Document](#)
 - Conditions- Minimal to Moderate
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- 1 (Occurred prior to school starting)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 31 (Bulk of these cases involve one incident)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 53 (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average Daily Attendance- 95.9%

It is my plan to try and add some context to this data each week. There are so many places to gather information and it can be a little overwhelming at times, I will be using the COVID 19 Iowa Website for this information as well as locally generated information.

It is great to have the staff and students back in the district. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's building principal or myself with any questions or concerns you may have as we continue forward with the school year.

Sincerely,
Travis J. Fleshner