

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Afternoon Knights,

The Iowa Department of Public Health released updated guidance this week and Governor Kim Reynolds shared these changes during her press conference on Tuesday. The major change centers around contact tracing and how wearing a face mask may impact the contact tracing protocol. The quick version of the change is this...if you are in close contact with a positive case (COVID 19) and both individuals are properly wearing a mask, you will not be contact traced. The updated guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health is attached to this email.

As the school district has been working through plans and protocols for several months and the same basic solutions have been offered, stay home if you are not feeling well, wash hands frequently, and wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible. The school district will continue with our cleaning efforts and our Return to Learn Plan will be revisited.

Here is our weekly update regarding our school district's current COVID-19 data. We will be utilizing the COVID-19 Iowa website, the zip code positivity rate is from Black Hawk County COVID 19 Website, and locally gathered data.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 5.5% (down from 6.6%)
 - Tama County- 10.5% (up from 8.1%)
 - Benton County- 5.7% (down from 7.5%)
 - Buchanan County- 8.6% (up from 6.9%)
 - La Porte City's positivity rate is 1.3% earlier this week (no change)
 - 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- <5
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 13 (Down from 28)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 47 (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average District Attendance Rate- 94.9% (up from 94.8%)

Quick clarification on the data set above, this data is only reflective of this week's numbers. We are not planning to publish cumulative data.

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