

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Morning Knights,

Data can provide us a lot of information on various topics; data can be used to create a compelling story or be configured to downplay an issue. Our district's efforts to collect data and share it with you is simply to provide you with information. As a consumer of information, you can make the determination of whether or not the data reflects "good" or "bad" trends, but what I can assure you is the data is accurate and reflects our current conditions. As we move closer to winter and being indoors for extended periods of time, we must continue to follow the basic procedures of staying home if you do not feel well, wash hands frequently, socially distance when possible, and wear a mask when needed.

Here is our weekly update regarding our school district's current COVID-19 data. We will be utilizing the COVID-19 Iowa website, county positivity rate information can be found at <https://blackhawkcovid19-bhcengineer.hub.arcgis.com/> for Black County and on Tama County's Facebook page. We will also be including locally gathered school data.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 15% (up from 9.4%)
 - Tama County- 14.7% (up from 10.1%)
 - Benton County- 13.7% (up from 10.9%)
 - Buchanan County- 13.3% (up from 9.2%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Minimal to Moderate
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- <5 (down from 7)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 25 (down from 44)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 30 (down from 34) (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
 - Average District Attendance Rate- 94.5% (up from 91.9%)

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