

September 25, 2020

Good Morning Knights,

Let me start this morning's update on the overall Return to School plan. The school board approved keeping all current protocols and dismissal times in place as we are currently using. Masks will continue to be required when we cannot maintain social distancing. School will continue to be five days per week and dismissed each day at 2:15 PM. All of these measures will remain in place until November 2. The school board did amend the school instructional calendar. Students will have class on October 12, December 7, and January 18. These changes offset the delayed school start date. The school board will continue to revisit the Return to School plan and you will be updated of any changes.

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 Black Hawk County COVID 19 Website.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 6.6% (down from 6.7%)
 - Tama County- 8.1% (up from 7.3%)
 - Benton County- 7.5% (up from 7.0%)
 - Buchanan County- 6.9% (up from 6.0%)
 - 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- 28 (Down from 33)
- 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 District Attendance Rate- 94.8% (Up from 94.2%)

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!

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Superintendent