

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Morning Knights,

Looking ahead, as more and more school districts transition to virtual or hybrid models for learning, I want everyone to be as prepared as possible should we need to transition away from face-to-face instruction. In saying this, I am not advocating nor currently pursuing any changes, but feel it is in all of our best interests to be as ready as possible should that day come. As part of our overall planning process we have developed grade level guidelines and expectations for virtual learning. They are attached to this email. Please take a moment to review them and do not hesitate to reach out to the building principal(s) with any questions. Note-Each level is slightly different, please make sure you are looking at the correct building level when researching.

Here is our weekly update regarding our school district's current COVID-19 data. We will continue to gather and monitor data from county websites, county public health, and locally generate reports.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 26.2% (up from 22.5%)
 - Tama County- 22.6% (up from 20.1%)
 - Benton County- 26.3% (up from 19.8%)
 - Buchanan County- 22.5% (up from 18%)
 - 50651 Zip Code- 2.14% (up from 1.9%)
 - 52224 Zip code- 21.4% (Up from 17.2%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Substantial Uncontrolled
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- 9 (up from <5)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 90 (up from 65)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 21 (up from 20) (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average District Attendance Rate- 89% (down from 93.4%)
Currently, average daily attendance "includes" quarantine students, we are tracking all of these students separately as well.

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