

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Morning Knights,

There will be "ups" and there will be "downs". Today's update is one that I am excited to send to you. It is important to note that this data is a snapshot in time, but regardless, it is positive news. Over the past couple of weeks I have heard the concerns about the increased case counts and high positivity rates in our area and throughout the state. These concerns are absolutely valid, but our COVID-19 data inside the school district is not reflective of the COVID-19 data in the area. I feel it is also important to share that our data can turn in a less than positive direction very quickly. Stay vigilant with the basics, wash hands frequently, wear a mask, and social distance when possible.

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- 23.7% (down from 26.2%)
 - Tama County- 21.6% (down from 22.6%)
 - Benton County-24% (down from 26.3%)
 - Buchanan County- 23% (up from 22.5%)
 - 50651 Zip Code- 2.1% (steady from 2.14%)
 - 52224 Zip code- 26.3% (Up from 21.4%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Substantial Uncontrolled
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- <5 (down from 9)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 83 (down from 90)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 21 (steady at 21) (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average District Attendance Rate- 87.3% (down from 89%)
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