

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Afternoon Knights,

Time for reflections, as we approach the holidays, make sure you each take some time to reflect on what is right and good in the world. We all have felt the stresses of this pandemic. There are still many great things happening in the world, some may be small, celebrate all of them. I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Our celebrations may look a little different this year, embrace what you have and be thankful for those things.

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- 20.4% (down from 23.7%)
 - Tama County- 18.3% (down from 21.6%)
 - Benton County- 21.0% (down from 24%)
 - Buchanan County- 20.9% (down from 23%)
 - 50651 Zip Code- 2.3% (up from 2.1%)
 - 52224 Zip code- 24.8% (down from 26.3%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Substantial Uncontrolled
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- <5 (steady at <5)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 69 (up 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- 89% (steady at 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