

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Morning Knights,

The impacts of COVID-19 vary from family to family, whether that impact is physical, emotional, or financial, we will all feel the impacts at some point. While we may not have control over all of the conditions around COVID-19, we do have the ability to control our individual responses to these pressures. The word "grace" has been used several times during this pandemic, as COVID-19 rates continue to climb, it is my hope our school community doesn't lose track of "grace". I cannot tell you if tomorrow will be better or worse than today...but I can tell you that we all have the ability to make the decision on how we respond to all of the pressures that this virus has brought to us.

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- 22.5% (up from 15.0%)
 - Tama County- 20.1% (up from 14.7%)
 - Benton County- 19.8% (up from 13.7%)
 - Buchanan County- 18% (up from 13.3%)
 - 50651 Zip Code- 1.8% (Down from 1.9%)
 - 52224 Zip code- 17.2%
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Substantial Uncontrolled
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- <5 (same <5)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 65 (up from 25)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 20 (down from 30) (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
 - Average District Attendance Rate- 93.4% (down from 94.5%)
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