

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Morning Knights,

One step towards normal. As I shared in my Facebook Live session earlier this week, we will be adjusting our dismissal times for the school day starting February 1, 2021. Elementary buildings will be dismissing at 3:10 PM and UMS /UHS will be dismissing at 3:08 P.M. While county positivity rates are declining, we have been made aware of community rates increasing. It is important to remember to look at all of the numbers/data before forming a conclusion. The county COVID-19 trends are good, but we cannot rest on short term victories, we are in this for the long haul. Stay vigilant and stay well.

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. The reporting system changed this week. The COVID-19 Iowa website is no longer posting decimal places in percentages.

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 10% (down from 12%)
 - Tama County- 8% (down from 9%)
 - Benton County- 7% (down from 9%)
 - Buchanan County- 10% (down from 13%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Minimal to Moderate
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- 8 (steady at 8)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 23 (down from 26)
- 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- 93.2% (down from 93.5%)
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