

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Morning Knights,

Happy New Year. I do hope this message finds everyone doing well and holding on tight to your new year's resolutions. It is great to have everyone back in the buildings. As we progress through the winter months please continue to pay close attention to cold and flu like symptoms. An extra day at home might make a big difference to your child and potentially many others. Our school communities have worked together throughout this pandemic. It is the commitment not only to yourself, but to each other that will see us through this time.

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) (December 23,2020 comparison)
 - Black Hawk County- 12.3% (up from 11.0%)
 - Tama County- 9.1% (down from 10.8%)
 - Benton County- 9.0% (down from 9.2%)
 - Buchanan County- 13.6% (up from 9.3%)
 - 50651 Zip Code- No Report this week
 - 52224 Zip Code- No Report this week
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Minimal to Moderate
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- 8 (up from <5)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 26 (up from 17)
- 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- 94.1% (steady at 94.1%)
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