

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Morning Knights,

I have had a few inquiries about the vaccination of the staff at Union. We have been working with the Black Hawk and Tama County Public Health offices. Our school district has experienced many of the obstacles that you may have seen on the news about vaccine distributions. After a bit of a bumpy start, I am happy to report all staff that wished to receive the COVID vaccine will have completed the first round of vaccinations by the end of the day on February 25. While this is very exciting, this doesn't mean everything changes. I will work to keep everyone updated on any changes or adjustments to the school district's Return to Learn plan. The school board voted to maintain our current protocols and procedures until further notice. Stay tuned for updates.

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. (Our building data this week is based on this past Wednesday's numbers.)

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (14 day rolling averages)
 - Black Hawk County- 5% (down from 7%)
 - Tama County- 4% (down from 6%)
 - Benton County- 10% (steady at 10%)
 - Buchanan County- 7% (down from 8%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- Minimal to Moderate
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- 0 (down from <5)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- 0 (down from 12)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 15 (steady at 15) (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average District Attendance Rate- 93.8% (up from 93.7%)
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