

UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"

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Good Morning Knights,

We made it past the one-year anniversary of the new normal due to Covid. Seems like a lifetime ago, yet it has really flown by. Looking back it is amazing all the changes we had to make to respond to, sometimes on a moment's notice, abide by the guidelines from the CDC, Iowa Department of Public Health and Governor Reynolds. We stood strong and we survived. Vaccines are now becoming available to nearly everyone so this coming year is going to be much brighter. I'm still fielding questions about when the last day of school will be. The school board will address that at their April 5, 2021 board meeting. As soon as that date has been approved we'll get that out to everyone.

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. Positivity rates are based on a 7 day rolling average. (Our district data this week is based on today's numbers.)

Current data points as of today:

- Positivity Rates (7 day rolling average)
 - Black Hawk County- 3% (steady at 3%)
 - Tama County- 2% (steady 2%)
 - Benton County- 2% (down from 4%)
 - Buchanan County- 3% (steady at 3%)
- Iowa Department of Public Health Document
 - Current Conditions- None to Minimal (change from Minimal to Moderate)
- Current Number of Positive Staff & Student Cases- <5 (steady at <5)
- Current Number of Students in Quarantine- <5 (steady at <5)
- Current Number of K-12 Students Involved in Remote Learning- 14 (steady at 14) (These are families who chose remote learning as their personal preference, not because their family has COVID)
- Average District Attendance Rate- 94.5% (up from 94.4%)
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