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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday before Christmas break to everyone! 2020 is almost complete! As this will likely be the last weekly update of this calendar year, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Please take this time to rest, relax, and recenter with your family. Just as we asked everyone to take extra safety precautions during the Thanksgiving break, we again ask you to continue to practice these same measures during this longer upcoming holiday break. Together we can help slow the spread of COVID and ensure that we are able to stay in school and safe. We appreciate your help and support. While numbers had been dropping significantly in recent weeks, we did see an uptick in cases and exposures this week. We are still in a very manageable situation. Unfortunately due to an increase in positive cases and exposures in our high school wrestling program, we have made the decision to suspend the season through December 28th. We will reevaluate our numbers closer to this date with the hopes of being able to pick right back up where we left off.

As of today, we currently have **50** individuals who are in quarantine. **Six** of these individuals have tested positive with the remainder on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. **12** of these individuals on quarantine can be traced back to school exposure, primarily taking place during lunch or wrestling practice. Please continue to do your part in helping each other stay safe and allow us to remain in person for teaching, learning, and activities.

The county 14-day positivity rates are currently **10.7%** for Buchanan County and **11.5%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. We continue to monitor this data closely and we work hand-in-hand with Public Health as we address all positive cases and potential exposures. We appreciate your support in helping to make this happen. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's building principal. Stay J-Hawk Safe and J-Hawk Strong!

Thank you and take care,

Nathan