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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday! We started today with our first weather-related school announcement of the year. We have been pretty fortunate this year with good weather and here is to hoping our luck continues. When making weather-related decisions, we take this responsibility seriously and review a number of factors when making the decision. In addition to closely monitoring various weather forecast, we have a number of individuals who also drive roads and monitor conditions depending on the circumstances. While we communicate with different members of our staff, as superintendent, I also communicate with other area superintendents to consult on what they are seeing within their school districts as well as the decisions they are considering. It can be a tricky decision at times but it is our intent to always ensure student safety while working still attempting to protect instructional time. If at any time you do not receive one of our automated messages (text, voice, or email), please contact your child's building office so we can update our communication files.

As of today, we currently have **20** individuals who are in quarantine. **Five or less** of these individuals have tested positive with all on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. **None** of these individuals on quarantine can be traced back to school exposure. 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 **12%** for Buchanan County and **11%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

This past week we began offering an online opportunity for the public to hear directly from the district on current updates on district happenings. We will continue to offer these each week for the foreseeable future. If there is a change in plans, we will be sure to mention it during these Friday updates. These meetings will not only be an opportunity to provide you with updates from the district, but also for you to provide us with feedback or questions that you may have as parents. Online forums will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and can be accessed by logging in or calling in by following the information below:

Login at:

<https://meet.google.com/ehp-pbj-mvi?hs=122&authuser=0>

or call in at:

1 708-762-8768

PIN: 909 668 477#

We appreciate your continued support of the school district and your efforts in keeping everyone safe. 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