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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Welcome to 2021!!! We are so excited to start the new year and have our students return from a much needed break. Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to enjoy some rest and relaxation during this time. As we return, our COVID numbers remain low and we are hoping this will continue through the coming weeks. We did receive updated guidance last night from the Governor's Office regarding attendance at school events. Based on this guidance, starting today, Friday, January 8th, attendance at school events, including athletic events, will now only require spectators to wear a mask at all times and socially distance 6 feet between households. While this is a great opportunity for more people to have the opportunity to attend school events, we are relying on you, as the public, to help us manage this safely and effectively. Signs will be posted and announcements will be made throughout events to remind everyone in attendance to always have a mask on and to make sure that you are maintaining appropriate distances from others. Please help us in making this successful so we can continue to offer this opportunity for our students, student athletes, parents, and visitors.

As of today, we currently have **23** individuals who are in quarantine. **Zero** of these individuals have tested positive with all on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. **Zero** 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 **13.7%** for Buchanan County and **12.3%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

Beginning this next week, we will begin offering an online opportunity for the public to hear directly from the district on current updates on district happenings. Participation and feedback will determine the frequency of continuing these types of online events. For this first online meeting, we will share updates on COVID numbers and mitigation efforts along with an update on our long range facility plans. We will hold our first online forum on Wednesday, January 13th at 6 p.m. This will be an online only event and can be accessed by following the options 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