

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday to all! What an exciting time of year as spring activities are fully underway. In addition to our golf, track, and soccer teams, we have numerous performing arts performances, recreation activities, and many other happenings going on right now. Let's have a great spring and strong rest of the school year. This past week, I have fielded questions from a few parents in regards to our district's plans for wearing face masks. It is the district's intent to continue to require face masks through the end of the school year. We have been very fortunate this year to have few disruptions to our in-person learning and have done an excellent job in providing a safe learning environment for all. In addition to slowing the spread of COVID, one significant benefit of wearing the masks is reducing the number of individuals who are required to quarantine when there is a positive case. Currently in the event of a positive case and any one identified as a close contact who is unmasked would need to quarantine for 10 days which could result in a large number of individuals not being able to teach or learn in person during that time. Let's stay strong and committed to finishing these final 35 days of school ensuring that as many staff and students can continue to remain in school for in-person learning. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

As of today, we currently have **5 or fewer** 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. With no positive cases we have **ZERO** individuals on quarantine who can be traced back to school exposure. The county 7-day positivity rates are currently **2%** for Buchanan County and **4%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

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