

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

With the recent announcement by the Iowa Department of Public Health and in consultation with Buchanan County Public Health and our school board, our school district will be moving from a **mask requirement status** to a mask highly **recommended status** starting on **Tuesday, May 18th**. With the lifting of quarantine restrictions, very low 7-day county positivity rates, as well as very few positive cases in our district over the past few months, we will only be recommending the use of face coverings from this point forward. I am asking all Jesup employees who are not fully vaccinated to however continue to wear masks when not able to socially distance while at work. These past 14-months have been challenging but also have taught us many valuable lessons. Our close work with Buchanan County Public Health has provided us with clear and safe guidance in ensuring our school district could remain in session for the 2020-21 school year and our students and staff remained safe. We will continue to follow their guidance moving forward.

COVID-related information as of today is as follows. We have **0** individuals testing positive. We have **5 or fewer** individuals currently in quarantine. The county 7-day positivity rates are currently **2%** for Buchanan County and **2%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. Please continue to be vigilant in your actions and conduct.

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