

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday to everyone! In this week's update, I would first like to wish everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving as there will not be a weekly update next week. We are just a little over a third of the way through the school year. I appreciate everyone's patience, hard work, and commitment that have been made as we returned to school this year. We are stronger when we all work together. As we enter the upcoming holiday, I am reminding everyone to be extra safe and cautious as we celebrate Thanksgiving. The CDC has encouraged everyone to limit their Thanksgiving plans this year if possible. With that being said, I am also a realist in knowing that many of us will still get together with family during this time. As most of our positive cases and exposures occur outside of school, I would please ask that you take additional steps during your holiday celebrations to minimize potential exposures and reduce the likelihood of anyone becoming ill. While the number of schools in the states watching to full virtual learning is increasing, we remain in a very solid position where we are able to maintain in-person learning at Jesup. Please help us in doing your part so that we can maintain this position.

As of today, we currently have **92** 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. **Up to 5** 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 **23.0%** for Buchanan County and **23.7%** 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