

JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday and I hope everyone has had another great week. In addition to the COVID-related information below, I would like to share a couple of general updates as well from this past week. First of all, Brock Sabers and I had the opportunity to participate in a meeting with representatives of the City and Buchanan County Health Center, as well as members of the community in regards to potential plans from the city to pursue a rec/community center and programming. As the school has operated a strong Community Rec program over the past 8+ years, we are excited to see the possibility of this to grow even further under the progressive thinking of our city officials. We are excited to partner with them and be involved in the initial planning process. Secondly, the Jesup school board will begin committee work in the coming weeks as a follow up to the survey data we received last spring. Five committees have been established around the following areas; Relationships, Communication, Respect, Empowerment, and Exploratory Learning. We are excited to begin this work and look forward to developing strong action plans resulting in the continued improvement of our school district.

As of today, we currently have 41 individuals who are in quarantine. Up to 5 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 the individuals on quarantine can be traced back to a 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 9.3% for Buchanan County and 9.5% 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