

December 2, 2020

Dear Union Township Schools Staff:

We have continued to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 in our community, and we are noticing some improving trends. The number of cases and the positivity rate in Porter County have decreased in the last week. Porter County is currently labeled as “orange”.

We have decided to return to in-person learning with students beginning **Monday, December 7.** We know these past few weeks have been difficult for you. Please know that we appreciate your efforts in continuing to provide instruction to our students. You can help us remain in school by limiting absences to only those essential needs at this time as much as possible. I realize this is a difficult request but if we can limit absences to those who are ill or have been identified as a close contact, we have a better opportunity to make this work. We appreciate your cooperation.

Returning to in-person learning will take the efforts of the entire Union Township community. Our school community must continue to practice social distancing, wear face masks, and frequently wash and sanitize our hands. The approaching holiday season will pose challenges as families gather for celebrations, college students are home, and families travel to visit friends and family. Please remember that we must be vigilant in protecting ourselves and our families from exposure to COVID-19.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we protect the health and safety of our students and staff. Remember that our return to in-person learning will take the efforts of everyone in our school community, and we hope that we can decrease the rate of transmission even further.

Sincerely,

John Hunter
Superintendent