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JNPSD School Community:

Please continue to stay informed through all of our postings on JNP social media, JNP website, local media, and other communication outlets. All community updates, official documents, and other information posted since March 6 is available for your reference.

### **Governor's Press Conference Today (APSRC Report)**

Governor Hutchinson also shared his appreciation for the work being done in Arkansas schools to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

"I want to express a lot of pride in our teachers, in our students, in our staff, administrators at our schools that have done so well in the start this year. Last year we had 479,000 K through 12 public school students in Arkansas. So, if we have similar numbers this year, then that means we've had 574 active cases in our schools. That is less than two-tenths of a percent in terms of cases in our schools. That's really a good start. It shows they're really following the guidelines and all really working hard to have a successful year," Governor Hutchinson said.

Arkansas Department of Education Deputy Director Dr. Ivy Pfeffer provided an update on where schools are at since the academic year began.

"There have been a total of 39 COVID modifications to onsite instruction in some form or fashion. Twenty-two of those modifications are still ongoing. So, since the start of the school year we do have some that have been added, eight have been added this week. To understand though, we have to remember that each of these modifications are unique to the school district and unique to the circumstances surrounding the need for the modification," Dr. Pfeffer said.

An example Dr. Pfeffer provided included a district that shifted their high school to virtual for two days to allow the district some time to clean and notify all of the affected students. Another example was just one classroom of second grade students that are going to be using virtual instruction for the next two weeks.

Dr. Pfeffer reported there was one school district that had to pivot to remote learning for the rest of this week due to a large number of staff who had to be quarantined. The plan is for them to return next week if possible.

“So you can see that districts are really taking a measured response, really focusing on the needs of their school community. We do appreciate the way school districts are working to continue to keep as many students onsite as possible and to have a great school year,” Dr. Pfeffer said.

1. Please refer to the following website for updated state health information regarding COVID and other health-related topics: [healthy.arkansas.gov](https://healthy.arkansas.gov)
2. **Parents:** You will be contacted by school staff designated to handle COVID calls if your child is a close contact to a person testing positive for COVID. Your child will be required to quarantine per state health directives. If you are not contacted, then that means your child is not impacted and will not quarantine. Press releases will be shared when the number of students and staff impacted total 5 or more per ADH guidance.
3. If you have questions about the meal delivery routes, please email Clint Walker at [cwalker@jnpsd.org](mailto:cwalker@jnpsd.org). Mr. Walker is the Director of Child Nutrition for JNPSD.

Thank you for your support of JNPSD.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Duffie', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bryan Duffie, Ed.D.  
Superintendent