

Johnson County Schools

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Dear Eagle Family,

As we transition to in-person classes, I want to promise as superintendent, I will always keep parents and staff in the loop of what is happening in our county. Last week we had two days of transitional school for three grades in our county. Last night we had a family report that a student at the Johnson County Middle School had, in fact, tested positive for COVID19. After verification from Johnson County Health Department, we want the public to know contact tracing is underway. This student did attend classes on both Tuesday and Thursday. All seating charts have been provided to the health department to assist in contact tracing, and please be aware the Johnson County Health Department will notify all contacts upon completion. Even if you are not placed under quarantine, please continue to monitor yourself for symptoms.

As we transition to in-person classes, we know that cases and quarantines are unavoidable. I know that makes many of you nervous, but we want to re-open as safely as humanly possible. We also implore you not to send students to school if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID19. Cleaning has been and will continue to be thorough. Also, please remember that masks must be worn at school. This is for your child, the teachers, the staff, and every other child's protection.

Additionally, keep in mind that a 14 day quarantine will be required if you travel to a state with a positivity rate of 15% or greater (at any point during your stay). Lists of states with high positivity rates can be found at <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>. These lists change daily so please keep yourself informed. As of today, 10-3-20, the following states are on the list:

- South Dakota
- Mississippi
- Idaho
- Wisconsin
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Wyoming
- Kansas

We will keep you updated as needed, and we will continue to work with the Johnson County Health Department to ensure we are in school when it is safe and virtual when it is not. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



Thom Cochran
Superintendent