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MASK & QUARANTINE UPDATE – 11/06/2020

Dr. Ainsworth has recently informed schools in Adams County of some changes to the definition of what a close contact means in the school environment. We are now required to focus on wearing masks more consistently in the classroom as a primary means of keeping our students healthy and preventing our students from becoming a close contact.

In situations where individuals are not able to socially distance from each other they will now be expected to have masks on in classrooms. If students have masks on more consistently (besides hydration/masks breaks) in class/on the bus and are beside someone who tests positive, they will no longer be considered a close contact. This will drastically reduce the likelihood of students and staff becoming a close contact in all settings, thus allowing all of us to remain in school and reduce the number of families impacted by quarantine.

I understand this new requirement from Dr. Ainsworth may create frustration for many families. Prior to the start of the school year Adams Central made a commitment to our students that we would make every effort to avoid wearing masks for long periods of time throughout the school day. For the past week I have been in communication with Dr. Ainsworth, our corporation legal counsel, and the Adams Central School Board of Trustees regarding the new mask requirement. I have also fielded many valid concerns from our parents and staff regarding the increase in the wearing of masks. However, due to rising numbers of COVID-19 in Adams County we are now required to apply the more consistent mask standard. As we move forward staff will continue to make every effort to provide opportunities for students to lower and/or remove masks when it is appropriate. I appreciate Dr. Ainsworth's efforts to keep Adams County safe and our school doors open.

Joel D. Mahaffey, Superintendent



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