

CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff and Families,

This communication is to make you aware of **revisions to the school day** starting tomorrow. These changes are in relation to COVID-19 exposures and/or positive cases within the Clarinda Community School District. Conversations with staff, parents, students, and community members, have surfaced many questions. As much as I would like to ease minds and share information, please remember, **all educators** are required to follow the Family Educational Rights and Protection Act (FERPA). In consultation with Page County Public Health and our CCSD school nurse, we continue to follow appropriate processes and take necessary safety measures.

In order to keep our students and staff safe and in school, we truly need your support. Here are a few facts and ways you can assist us:

- All students and staff, if at all possible, should bring their own sack lunch to school tomorrow and until further notice. We know this might be a challenge given the time frame, so we will make extra lunches for those who do not have one with them in the morning.
- If your child(ren) ride a CCSD school bus, you will be notified if your route is revised.
- If you have a CDL with a bus endorsement and are at all interest in helping us out in our time of need, please call Nancy McKinnon at 712-542-5165. Thank you for considering this invitation.
- If you coach athletics/direct activities or are an employee of the district, please consider obtaining a CDL with a bus endorsement. Again, all interested individuals should contact Nancy McKinnon at 712-542-5165. Further details will be shared at this time.
- Based on the recent spike in positive cases in Page County, we are asking everyone to follow health and safety guidelines set forth by the district. Revision of spectator guidance, attendance at events, etc. will reflect heightened safety measures. It is important to keep our students engaged in athletics and activities, and their participation is our first priority.
- Our custodial staff will be sanitizing all impacted areas in an in-depth manner. In order to mitigate the spread of the virus, it is of utmost importance to stay home when you are sick or if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results. Also, following quarantine guidelines is key.
- Please keep yourself informed by reading electronic communication, viewing our Facebook or Twitter communications, or directly calling the school nurse, building principal, or superintendent with specific questions.

Respectfully,

Chris Bergman, CCSD Superintendent