

CCSD CARDINALS

This communication is to make you aware of
healthy strategies, facts and a school lunch update

Yesterday, Governor Reynolds held a press conference to share data regarding 14-day positivity rates in rural Iowa. New cases do not seem to be connected to specific events/activities and are due to community spread which is **lessened** through
*physical distancing --- wearing a face covering---
washing hands --- disinfecting surfaces ---
monitoring symptoms --- staying home when you are sick
--- staying home while waiting for test results*

The fact that stood out most—

Within three Iowa counties with high positivity rates, the school districts who DID NOT have students wearing face coverings saw 30% to 130% higher rates of new COVID cases.
*consistent and correct wear includes
--- **completely** covering your nose, mouth and chin*

The pandemic is a serious, challenging and fluid situation. As new information is learned, guidance is **adjusted**. Governor Reynolds revised quarantine guidance. This morning, our school nurse, Page County Public Health, and I will connect to discuss CCSD **updated guidance** on
facial coverings, quarantine, and spectators at events/activities

As far as school lunch—

We knew our families would be there for us, and **we were right!** If you were able to do so on short notice, **thank you** for sending lunches with your students. As promised, our team made up the difference, and after some all-hands-on-deck efforts, we are ready to return to regular breakfast and lunch routines on **Thursday** of this week!
Thank you so much for
*carefully reading communications, reaching out with questions, and remaining positive
We have been blessed with **five-day** school weeks!*

As far as the positivity rates---

It is important to remember these numbers reflect the positive cases throughout **all** of Page County. As a school district, we are staying strong and healthy.

Let's strive to stay emotionally healthy

by
focusing on what we can control,
asking questions,
assuming positive intent,
and
being **kind** to one another.

Enjoy the day! ~Chris