

CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

This communication is to make you aware of two additional positive COVID 19 student cases within the Clarinda Community School District. Please note, moving forward, all data will be shared transparently and in line with the Family Educational Rights and Protection Act (FERPA). In consultation with Page County Public Health and our CCSD school nurse, we continue to take the appropriate 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:

- **Fact:** Our team is collaboratively working around-the-clock to provide the safest learning environment for our students and staff. Keeping in contact with one another, viewing the most recent health-field Zoom meetings, reading State communications, creating processes and writing communications, investigating any concerns, completing contact tracing, informing staff, etc. in as timely of a manner as is possible.
- **Family/Community Support:** Thank you for understanding the level of care for our staff and students and for supporting us throughout the community. We have “felt” your presence in so many positive ways.
- **Fact:** Our team will share allowable information as quickly as possible.
- **Family/Community Support:** 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. We appreciate your efforts to remain informed citizens.
- **Fact:** Contact tracing is complex and involves many data points leading to quarantine decision-making. A combination of actions such as student seating chart and schedule referencing, in-school activities/athletics participation list referencing, symptom on-set timelines and, if needed, Public Health interviews with students and/or parents.
- **Family/Community Support:** If in conversation, the question, “How does the school make decisions regarding quarantine and/or isolation?” comes up, please refer to the fact statement above. As everyone is receiving communication at different times, it is beneficial to share accurate information.
- **Fact:** Individual students will receive quarantine or isolation instructions specific to him or her. It is important to note that decisions are made to impact the least amounts of students and by using data specific to the situation.
- **Family/Community Support:** If in conversation, the question, “Why did my child receive different guidance than yours?” comes up, please refer to the fact statement above. As everyone is receiving communication at different times, it is beneficial to share accurate information.
- **Fact:** When all parties are wearing facial coverings, the opportunity for spread of the virus is significantly decreased. Currently, we are requiring facial coverings to be worn during the day and are taking breaks as needed. Our athletic and activities guidance requires spectators to wear facial coverings to our events. We will address individuals choosing not to comply and after each event, will re-evaluate our guidance in order to keep our students safe and engaged in these important learning experiences.
- **Family/Community Support:** Please, consider this when making personal decisions regarding facial coverings. We are more likely to continue in-person learning and fans in our Cardinal stands.

Respectfully,

Chris Bergman, CCSD Superintendent