

# Colfax-Mingo

## Community Schools



Tigerhawk Families –

This letter is to inform you about a recent outbreak of COVID activity in our elementary building and our overall COVID-positive cases.

### **COVID OUTBREAK**

Due to over half of the students in one of our elementary classrooms being out either ill, COVID-positive, or quarantined, we are following the recommendation of Jasper County Public Health and quarantining the entire classroom of students for 14 days. This is in an effort to let the virus run its course in potentially effected individuals before returning to school. Please understand we cannot share more specifics than this and we thank you for not making or sharing any assumptions about individuals or groups of individuals.

If you have questions about this situation, please contact Nurse Lindsey, Mr. Summy, or Mr. Anderson.

### **OVERALL COVID-POSITIVE CASES**

Iowa Department of Public Health guidance has been to not share specific information if there were not any positive cases in a school district. From August 24 through Thursday, October 1, we have had over 120 individuals quarantined due to symptoms or direct exposures outside of the school, without a known COVID-positive case among them.


Since Friday, October 2, we have had 6 confirmed positive COVID cases of individuals in one of our school buildings.

Now that the virus has been in our buildings, it is important for us all to continue to be vigilant with our mitigation strategies that have worked for us thus far... wearing a mask at all times when in the buildings and on the bus, washing your hands frequently for over 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, not sharing items when at school, limiting the number of people you come in close contact with, and not attending school when not feeling well.

I continue to be very impressed with our students and staff for working through a stressful situation unlike any of us have encountered before. Every morning I see students enter our buildings and classrooms with their face coverings, using hand sanitizer, and doing their best to keep socially distant. While I am sad they all have to go through that along with all the other stresses in life, I am fiercely proud of their enhanced focus and efforts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care and be safe.

  
Erik Anderson

*Colfax-Mingo Community School District's mission is to ensure a community that fosters life-long learners, independent thinkers, and productive citizens of character!*