

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