



December 8, 2020

Re: Special Announcement - Learning Models

Prairie Families:

We are asking students and families to do the following during onsite models (Full Onsite OR Hybrid) to ensure we can maximize onsite days for students as we continue school operations in the pandemic:

- 1) Continue to follow CDC mitigation strategies such as masking, physical distancing and restricting contact with others outside of school.
- 2) When we return to onsite models on December 14, it will be 2 weeks from the Thanksgiving holiday. This is within the range that symptoms of COVID-19 should appear in most individuals. If your child has symptoms of illness or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please keep them home. For additional information, please see the following link:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gM2UxOeUrrlZ5W2LoBrDeuNt03\\_5ptFslYPuS2v-FKg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gM2UxOeUrrlZ5W2LoBrDeuNt03_5ptFslYPuS2v-FKg/edit)
- 3) Continue to cooperate with all contact tracing processes and procedures.
- 4) While on-campus, students and staff will be required to wear face masks at all times unless the activity prohibits it (such as when eating), even when physical distancing is possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this mitigation strategy. When the rate of infection at school and in the community return completely to the numbers we saw earlier in the year, we will consider changing back to the mask OR physical distancing practice that we had been utilizing since the start of school.

Your assistance outside of school is vital to assisting the school in maintaining operations and providing education to children during the pandemic.

**Due to improved local conditions and success of mitigation strategies prior to the recent COVID-19 surge, the following learning models are planned for December 14-22:**

**PK-4: Full Onsite, All PK-4 students daily**

**5-12: Every-other-day A/B Hybrid**

- [Click here](#) for updated (12-8-20) schedule for A/B days

**TVL: Continue through January 15th as planned**

- Dec 22 - Final Roster Determined for 2nd Semester
- Jan 19 - Begin 2nd Semester TVL

**Prior to Winter Break, we will finalize and announce the plan for January 4th and beyond.**

In the communication announcing the extension of online (at-home) learning on November 24, the following were listed as the rationale for continuing the online (at-home) model beyond Thanksgiving. With the exception of #5 (Availability of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and drivers), all of the conditions listed

below have improved to make it feasible to serve students in an onsite model (full onsite OR hybrid). We continue to reassign staff and rearrange operational plans to address the ongoing substitute shortage.

From communication 11.24.2020:

- 1) No significant change in infection rate for students since November 19
- 2) Increased percentage of student quarantines since November 19
- 3) Increased percentage of staff reporting illness since November 19
- 4) Staffing impacts to areas with already critical staff shortages (transportation)
- 5) Availability of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and drivers
- 6) Linn County hospitals reporting critical status due to staffing and numbers

While the return of PK-4 to full onsite instruction was not originally planned, current conditions support this learning model. PK-4 settings are a more readily controlled environment, provide less crossover between students, and have lower class sizes. Our PK-4 schools had a great deal of success with onsite instruction for several months prior to the community surge.

Secondary families, after January 4th, we will be enhancing Hybrid Learning by incorporating synchronous learning for at-home days at the secondary level (7-12) when in the hybrid model. While 7th grade experienced several weeks of successful full onsite instruction, students in grades 8-12 have remained in hybrid. Due to this extended nature, we have implemented the every-other-day A/B model and are also planning to enhance instruction on at-home days. If you are a secondary parent, please follow this link for more information. Click [Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Model 12-8-20](#).

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, your patience in these difficult decisions and your personal efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our greater community.

In Service,

*Doug Wheeler*

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Superintendent of Schools

**Prior announcements and information regarding the District's COVID-19 response can be found on our website at**

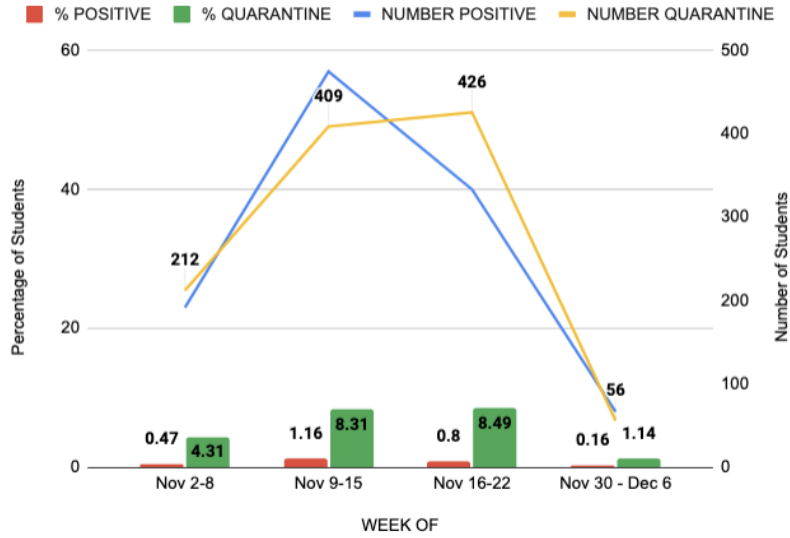
**<https://www.crprairie.org/district/covid-19-updates/>.**

***The following pages contain data trends impacting District Operations that we take into consideration as we make decisions.***

## Data Trends Impacting School Operations (November - Present)

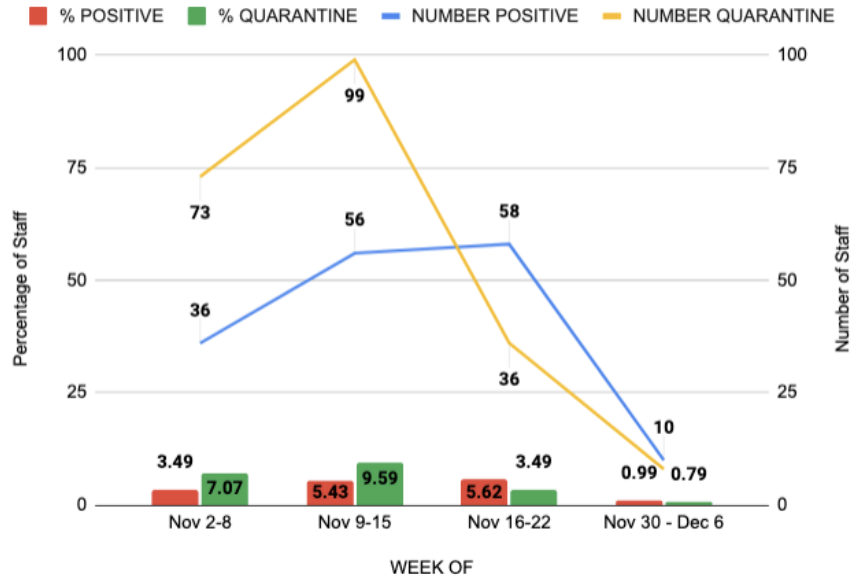
### Student Positive & Quarantine Rate

[Source](#)



### Staff Positive & Quarantine Rate

Sourced from internal staffing data



## Linn County Infection 14-Day Positive Rates, November 1 - December 7

[Source](#)  
[Trend](#)

DATE	LINN	JOHNSON	BENTON
11/01/2020	13.8	8.7	15
11/02/2020	14.5	9.2	15.4
11/03/2020	15.2	9.6	15.4
11/04/2020	15.9	10.5	16.5
11/05/2020	17.5	11.3	18.4
11/06/2020	18.7	12.1	20
11/07/2020	19.9	13	21.1
11/08/2020	20.7	13.5	22.3
11/09/2020	21.7	14.9	24
11/10/2020	22.7	15.8	24.9
11/11/2020	23.2	16.5	25.3
11/12/2020	23.7	17.1	26.3
11/13/2020	23.9	17.1	26.4
11/14/2020	24.4	17.2	26.8
11/15/2020	24.1	17.1	26.9
11/16/2020	24	17.2	26.7
11/17/2020	23.6	17	25.6
11/18/2020	23.8	16.6	25.4
11/19/2020	23	16	24.4
11/20/2020	21.8	15.3	23.9
11/21/2020	21	15	22.9
11/22/2020	20.7	14.6	22.7
11/23/2020	20.3	13.9	22.3
11/24/2020	19.1	13.5	20.9
11/24/2020	19.1	13.5	20.9
11/25/2020	18.2	12.9	20.3
11/26/2020	17.3	12.6	19.3
11/27/2020	16.8	12.1	17.9
11/28/2020	16.4	11.9	17.7
11/29/2020	16.8	11.9	18.2
11/30/2020	16.9	12	17.7
12/01/2020	15.6	11.9	16.8
12/02/2020	15.3	11.9	15.6
12/03/2020	15	11.7	15.4
12/04/2020	14.5	11.8	15.6
12/05/2020	14.2	11.7	15.4
12/06/2020	13.8	11.7	14.7
12/07/2020	13.6	11.5	14

# Linn County Actual Daily Case County, November 1 - December 6

[Source](#)

