

Warrensburg R-VI School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This weekend the District was notified of a fourth confirmed positive COVID-19 case within the District, specifically at Warrensburg High School. As a reminder, the identity of those who test positive cannot be released due to privacy rights.

The District follows the Johnson County Community Health Guidelines that define Close Contact as any individual who was within six (6) feet or less for an accumulative time of fifteen (15) minutes or more. The parents/guardians of those students who were considered as having close contact were notified. Those parents were provided the date of the last known contact as students are required to quarantine for 14 days after the last known contact with a positive individual. Parents who were notified by the school will also be receiving a phone call from Johnson County Community Health Services within the next few days.

Also, late last week the Johnson County Health Department issued a Public Health Order that beginning today, face coverings are "strongly recommended" versus being "required". On the other hand, recent data shows that Warrensburg continues to see <u>significant</u> increases in the number of positive cases, especially in the 10-24 age group. In less than two weeks, the number of cases increased by 183 with 103 of those new cases reported between September 4th and September 10th. <u>Because of this, the</u> <u>District will continue to require face coverings for students and staff.</u>

As always, our main goal as a District is to do everything we can to ensure the safety and health of our students and staff. Your understanding of our continued stance requiring face coverings is much appreciated. If you should have any questions or feedback, please contact Mr. Brian Wishard, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services at 660-747-7823 or bwishard@warrensburgr6.org.

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