

October 15, 2020

Good Afternoon!

I hope this email finds your year is going well. Given that Lucas County recently went back to a red status per the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, and we are nearing the end of the first quarter of the school year, I wanted to be sure to communicate what these two things mean for our district.

First, let's talk about Lucas County now being a red county. What does this mean?

Based on the chart below, as a county this week we did not meet enough of the indicators to remain an orange county or become a yellow county. Simply said, an outbreak in a specific space or area can lead to a significant change in the data. We will continue to monitor a variety of data points, including those used by the health department as we assess the health and wellness of our community.

In the 11 days we have been open for in-person instruction with over 2,000 students in attendance, we have 1 presumed positive case in our schools. **We are remaining open for in-person instruction until further notice and are committed to following our safety protocols and procedures as well as monitoring the data on a daily basis.**

Secondly, the end of the first quarter of the year is in sight (November 6). Today we sent a survey to our K-8 parents whose students are currently learning online to find out about your plans moving forward. We will survey high school MVP parents when we near the end of the first trimester.

Also, if a parent wants their child to make a change from in-person learning to our online MVP program, please be sure to contact your child's school. Changes will be made at the beginning of the next quarter and trimester.

I want to end by acknowledging how hard this pandemic has been on everyone. It has impacted the physical well-being as well as the mental health of our staff, students and community. We know that by wearing masks, social distancing and when necessary contact tracing, we are doing what we can to manage the pandemic.

I understand there are concerns and I can assure you that just as we have in the past, we will continue to communicate decisions as they are made for the greater good of our entire district.

Take care and have a wonderful evening!

Todd Cramer, Superintendent

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Indicator 1 - New Cases per Capita | Met

Cases over past two weeks	County Population	Cases per 100k
342	428,348	79.84

