



November 13, 2020

Dear Seward Parents/Guardians,

At Seward Public Schools we saw an increase in our positivity rate of students and staff, which was 1% this week compared to 0.58% the week before. This percentage equates to 17 students/staff testing positive. We did see a slight decrease in the number of students/staff in quarantine this week at 7%. The Four Corners Risk Dial is at 3.25 for next week, which is in the red. We continue to see little to no spread within our schools.

The governor today at his press conference did release some new information based on the hospital bed capacity within our state. As of today we would be in the orange category outline in his plan with state hospital bed capacity. If we would move to the red we would see an impact on extra-curricular activities at the middle school and lower. His plan would call for schools to stay open but this decision would continue to be a local decision based on what is happening in our district.

As we discussed our COVID-19 plan at the school board meeting this last Monday we discussed many scenarios and options. At this time we continue to believe that in-person teaching and learning is the best for our students and staff. Please know that we do have other plans and scenarios ready depending upon our school positivity rate, quarantines, and staffing availability. Please know that during this time things can change very quickly and we would communicate any changes to our current plan at the district level.

We need to slow the spread of the virus and what we do collectively is imperative. Please do your part as parents and community members. Together we can get through this. Continue to avoid the Three C's.

1. Crowded Places. Avoid gathering in groups where you can't maintain 6-foot distance from others.
2. Close Contact. Wear a mask or maintain 6-foot distance when you're with people you don't live with.
3. Confined Spaces. Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Josh Fields*

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Superintendent