



November 20, 2020

Dear Seward Parents/Guardians,

At Seward Public Schools we saw a decrease in our positivity rate of students and staff. This week we were 0.058% compared to 1% the week before. This percentage equates to 10 students/staff testing positive out of 1700 students and staff. We had 6.6% of our students/staff out on quarantine or isolation. The Four Corners Risk Dial is at 3.25 for next week which is the same level it was the week before which is still in red.

The governor's risk dial based on the hospital bed capacity within our state is still in orange. If we do not see a decrease in hospital bed capacity, Nebraska will be in the red sooner than later. At the current pace of an average increase of 17 per day we could see the state move to red in the next 7-10 days. If we would move to the red we would see an impact on extra-curricular activities at the middle school level and lower. This does include all youth sports and activities in grades K-8 statewide.

As parents we need your help, if your son or daughter is in quarantine or isolation, please make sure that your child continues to stay on top of their school work as they work from home. It is also important that your child stays home if they are in quarantine or isolation.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving please be mindful of the three C's as I know Thanksgiving will look different for many families this year. I know that I will be staying home with just our immediate family for the first time in 22 years. I just hope I don't burn the turkey since I am cooking it. I hope all of you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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.

Sincerely,

*Josh Fields*

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Superintendent