

On November 11, Colfax-Mingo Board of Directors approved a plan that mirrored the guidance from the Governor’s Office, Department of Education, and Iowa Department of Public Health. Our Board unanimously approved to continue distance learning for one more week, through November 19. This plan follows our original Board and state-approved Return to Learn plan which was to transition to distance learning for two full weeks when the county positivity rates were above 20%. Last night’s decision was due to the rising positivity rates in our county and state and the number of staff currently out on COVID-related illness or quarantine. We currently have 11 staff members out for COVID-related illness or quarantine.

Further, the Board set forth a plan that begins November 20. The plan is a split hybrid plan that keeps our PK-6th grade students fully on-site and our 7th-12th graders on an alternating day on-site attendance plan. We will stay in this split hybrid plan through December 22, unless there is a significant spike in positivity, a staffing shortage that would cause the district to not be able to properly and safely supervise students, or if there is some state/federal proclamation that impacts our learning model.

The chart of Jasper County positivity rates since July 1:

14-day Jasper County Positivity Rate

