



November 10, 2020

Statement of Collaboration

Les, White, Story County Public Health
Jenny Risner, Ames Community School District

Story County is experiencing an increase in positive COVID cases, causing community spread resulting in staff absenteeism. This has created an inability to cover classrooms in our PK-8 buildings adequately. With the high number of staff absences and through consultation with Story County Public Health, Les White, on November 10, 2020, we have determined that ACSD should Move to 100% remote learning in our PK-8 buildings beginning on November 11, 2020. There is a concern regarding the spread among our teaching force and our inability to provide necessary supervision and instruction to our students.

We currently meet the Iowa Department of Education metrics to request permission for online learning as our 14-day percent positive average rate is now 15.5% and expected to rise. Our current 14-day case rate is 65.2, and our staff absentee rate will be above 10% tomorrow in grades PK-8. With an inability to provide supervision of students in the building, we must move to remote learning PK-8.

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