



BOONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Boone Community School District has continued to work closely with Boone County Public Health as the COVID-19 pandemic has continued into the 2020-2021 school year. The Director of Boone County Public Health collaborates weekly with our district nursing staff and collaborates with the district when contact tracing becomes necessary. Boone CSD and Boone County Public Health work closely together to ensure the information shared with families is accurate and in line with guidance released from the Iowa Department of Public Health as well as Boone County Public Health. The Chairman of the Boone County Board of Health also serves as President of the Boone Community Schools Board of Education.

The district has been fortunate this year to hold in-person instruction for our students five days a week. Unfortunately, it was determined on Thursday, December 3rd, that the numbers of positive cases, illnesses and quarantined students at the high school were increasing dramatically. As a result, the district made the decision to move the high school to hybrid instruction beginning Tuesday, December 8th. It was also determined that there would be a special board meeting on Monday, December 7th, to determine the district's next steps. At Monday night's meeting, the board decided to move the high school to remote learning on December 10th and 11th and to apply for a waiver for the high school beginning December 14th and concluding on December 22nd.

In addition to the data provided earlier in the application, you will find a chart below demonstrating the increasing number of positive cases and students quarantined with symptoms at the high school level. The chart highlights an upward trend in illness. Due to the increased positive cases, we also saw a significant increase in quarantined students due to contact tracing. As a result, we had to cancel the following events prior to applying for this waiver:

- Friday, December 4th 9th grade girls basketball
- Saturday, December 5th 9th grade and JV girls basketball
- Tuesday, December 8th All levels of girls and boys basketball
- Thursday, December 10th JV and Varsity wrestling
- Friday, December 11th All levels of girls and boys basketball
- Saturday, December 12th Varsity wrestling

December Boone High School Student COVID-19 Data					
	12/1/2020	12/2/2020	12/3/2020	12/4/2020	12/7/2020
Quarantined (w/o symptoms)	39	37	35	58	72
Quarantined with	5	3	8	3	4

Symptoms					
COVID Positive	6	11	23	28	29
% Total COVID-related illness	1.99%	2.53%	5.61%	5.61%	5.97%
% Total COVID-related absence	9.04%	9.22%	11.93%	16.09%	18.99%

Below, you will find our school model decision making metric chart utilized by the district. Currently, our district data shows a percentage that exceeds 2.5%. However, that number is inflated due to our high school data, as listed above. Therefore, the district is only asking for a waiver at the high school level. The remainder of the district remains at 1.61%. PK-8 will remain fully on-site at this time.

2020 - 2021

Boone Community School District
School Model Decision Making Metric



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We may need to adjust this plan based on sub shortages. We will report out daily to families our percentages. 		County % positivity percentage				
		0-5 %	5-10 %	10-15 %	15-20 %	20%+
% of on-site population who are absent with COVID cases and/or are exhibiting COVID symptoms in quarantine.	0-2.4 %	Fully On-site			Fully On-site	
	2.5-10%	Fully On-site or Hybrid Model*			Delivery Model Determined by BCSD School Board	
	*Data considered at grade, building, and district levels for decision making. BCSD School Board approval needed for a shift in delivery model at the building or district level.					
10-15+%	Online Model (Pending Iowa Dept. of Education approval)					

- Blue line indicates when BCSD may ask for a waiver from the Iowa Dept. of Education to move online. The state recommends 15% positivity rate and 10% overall absenteeism for approval for an online learning waiver.
- We will be looking at grade, building and district level data to work through decisions
- When possible we will stay in that plan for 2 weeks to allow planning for our families

For the safety of our staff and students we believe that a shift to remote learning is necessary at this time. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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