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Students, Staff, and Families,

The Huron School District acknowledges the expertise of the Operations Section of the Beadle County Covid-19 Task Force (Opp's). The Operations Section met on September 17th, 2021, and recommended thresholds for mask requirements and color changes in our pandemic contingency plan. [The Pandemic Contingency Plan](#) is available on the homepage of our website. The Huron School District acknowledges and supports the Opp's and will address the recommendations at the September 27th, 2021 School Board meeting. The recommendations and changes to the Pandemic Contingency Plan will begin on Monday, October 4th, 2021.

The Opp's Recommendations include:

- a. An infection rate of 1% (33 students &/or staff) in Huron School District will place the school district in YELLOW with full masking requirements.
- b. An infection rate of 1% in any one school will put that school in YELLOW with full masking requirements.
  - i. Buchanan - 5 students &/or staff
  - ii. Madison - 5 students &/or staff
  - iii. Washington - 5 students &/or staff
  - iv. Middle School - 7 students &/or staff
  - v. High School - 8 students &/or staff
- c. An infection rate of .33% (11 students &/or staff) in Huron School District will place the entire district in ORANGE with masking required while moving between classes and on all transportation.

Shields will remain in classrooms pending school board consideration of an exemption option in each classroom.

- d. An infection rate of .33% in any one school will place that school in Orange.
  - i. Buchanan - 2 students
  - ii. Madison - 2 students
  - iii. Washington - 2 students
  - iv. Middle School - 2 students
  - v. High School - 3 students

e. An infection rate of .32% or less (10 students &/or staff or less) will place the district in Green, with no masking required.

- i. Buchanan - 1 student
- ii. Madison - 1 student
- iii. Washington - 1 student
- iv. Middle School - 1 student
- v. High School - 2 students

If an exposure letter is issued for a contained classroom in grades K thru 5, that classroom will need to wear masks for (10) days regardless of the color status of the district or the school. Students and Staff are highly encouraged to continue to mask if there is Covid-19 present in the community. Students and staff can avoid being identified as a close contact by choosing to wear a mask or by proof of vaccination.

The goals of this position continue to include:

- Keeping students and staff safe.
- Keeping students in school and activities.
- Reducing pressure on medical providers.
- Keeping parents available to work.
- Keeping businesses open

The Huron School District will continue to utilize the expertise of the Operations Section of the Beadle County Covid-19 Task Force to provide the most accurate, current, information to make decisions.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, support, and partnership to educate our students.

Respectfully,



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