



Mattoon Community Unit School District #2

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Families,

We have consistently communicated our highest priority is the health and well-being of our students and staff members. As many of you know, Coles County's COVID-19 positivity rate has continued to climb, resulting in our county's designation as "Warning" for increased risk. It is our community and region's responsibility to carefully follow guidelines that will help decrease the positivity rate of COVID-19 in our county. This includes washing your hands, wearing a face covering, and practicing social distancing. When we work together to meet these expectations, our numbers will decrease.

Unfortunately, Coles County's numbers are increasing. Our collaboration with the health department today, August 12, has led us to determine it is not safe to offer in-person school starting on Monday, August 17th. **Please know - we are ready; our plan is strong; our district wants students in person;** however, because the numbers in our county continue to rise, beginning August 17, Mattoon Schools will offer fully remote learning for all students for at least the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. At the end of September, we will revisit our county's health information to determine if the option of in-person learning may occur for the second quarter, which begins October 19. During that time, please help us take steps to lower our positivity rate by following guidance from our county's health department - Wear your mask, Wash your hands, and Watch your Distance.

By 5:00 p.m, Friday all students will be contacted by their teachers to explain processes and procedures for remote learning, which will begin Monday, August 17th. Students who have not yet received their Chromebook will establish an appointment for pick-up with their teachers.

As we navigate this change, we understand the challenges and emotions it may create. As a school district, we are committed to assisting our region to stop the rise of cases and hope you will join us as we come together for the greater good.