



FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Sheri Smith

March 11, 2021

Dear Forrestville Valley Community,

As we shared previously, we have several individuals in quarantine who were associated with our athletic programs when a positive covid test result was confirmed. Individuals with access to the covid vaccine, receiving both doses, were not required to quarantine as CDC has determined they are not close contacts. For all others involved, we predicted an increase in positivity rates over the last week due to the nature of the close contact with one another during practices and competitions.

Since last week, 7 additional positive cases associated with athletic participation have been reported. All individuals have been in quarantine and have not been present in the school setting. Individuals will be returning from quarantine soon; Ogle County Health Department along with Mrs. Nelson will provide free covid screening on site for all athletes and coaches prior to resuming practices. This extra step will provide reassurance that we are resuming the football season with healthy student-athletes.

Outside of the athletic close contact group, Forreston Jr/Sr High School has had two cases equating to 0.46%. Mrs. Nelson completes contract tracing for every case in our school district and consults with both local area health departments. While we do have many students absent because of close contact scenarios, we do not have a transmission within the classroom and school setting. For this reason, ***we plan to keep all schools open.***

This week's summary:

Data	Total District	FJSHS	FGS	GVGS
Number of Cases this week	9	9	0	0
Percent of Cases this week	1.14%	2.07%	0.00%	0.00%
Year to Date Cases*	85	55	24	2
Year to Date Percent of Cases	10.77%	12.64%	9.38%	2.41%

*Year to date, 67 households account for the 85 positive cases and the total number includes all students and staff.

If you have any questions regarding COVID symptoms, testing options, or quarantine, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Jennifer Nelson. She can be reached by contacting your school office or jnelson@fvdistrict221.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith