



December 18, 2020

Dear Seward Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we will finish the first semester of the school year next Tuesday, December 22. I feel fortunate that we did not miss any student days and our Covid-19 numbers have trended down over the last couple of weeks. Our positivity rate of students and staff was down this week to 0.24% compared to 0.47% from a week ago. This percentage equates to 4 students/staff testing positive out of 1700 students and staff. We had 1.94% of our students/staff out on quarantine or isolation, which is down from a week ago, which was 2.35%. The Four Corners Risk Dial is at 2.63, which is in orange for the first time in weeks.

The governor's risk dial based on the hospital bed capacity within our state is in yellow. Today the hospital bed occupancy is at 602 and last Friday it was at 779 we hope to continue to see this downward trajectory.

In other news, the federal government will continue to provide free lunches and breakfast until the end of the school year as part of the CARES Act. The district will notify parents if this guidance changes.

We need to continue to slow the spread of the virus and what we do collectively is imperative. Please do your part as parents and community members. Together we are making a difference. Continue to avoid the Three C's.

1. Crowded Places. Avoid gathering in groups where you can't maintain 6-foot distance from others.
2. Close Contact. Wear a mask or maintain 6-foot distance when you're with people you don't live with.
3. Confined Spaces. Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.

Thank you again to the Seward students, staff, and parents for your continued support as we work together to get through this pandemic. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to a brighter 2021.

Sincerely

Josh Fields

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Superintendent