



Dear Eagle County Schools families and staff,

It is with great optimism and gratitude that we share news that the community's Key Performance Indicators for the prevalence of COVID in our community moved into the Green/Comfortable category. The key direction under this category is "remain vigilant while resuming activities." This is very positive news for our community, but is based on our collective efforts to wear face coverings in public, stay home if sick, and maintain maximum social distance. Please keep it up and continue to help contribute to the safest possible environment for us to return to school.

We've already been asked by parents and staff if this changes anything for our return to school tomorrow, Tuesday, August 25. **It does not.** The plans we've been discussing for several weeks remain unchanged. If you have any confusion, please contact your school's office immediately.

We want to stress that the community has not experienced being in school during the pandemic yet. As we return to school tomorrow, we must do so with an abundance of caution. As a community, we need to experience and adjust to operating for a few weeks to see how conditions in schools and the broader community hold up.

Fifth Day Options

Many student-serving non-profits are organizing activities for the "fifth day" (Wednesdays) when students are engaged in remote learning. We are working together, but also need to get off to a good start of school before finalizing what those plans will look like. Please be patient as we adjust to the start of the year.

Labor Day Impact

So far, holiday weekends have resulted in spikes of outbreak in the weeks that follow. Please remain committed to the practices that have led to our Green/Comfortable status to ensure we can keep students in school. Stay home if sick, wear face coverings in public/around others, maintain as much distance as possible, and frequently wash hands. Find ways for fun and fellowship with friends and families while still being safe.

Thank You

We're making great strides working together, so let's keep it up! Let the Green/Comfortable status add to our confidence in returning to school AND inspire us to act in ways that keeps us there! Before you know it, we'll be settled into a fun new year of learning.

Sincerely,

Philip Qualman
Superintendent