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It has been a cold and rainy Homecoming Week for sure, but I am glad to see that we haven't let it dampen our spirits. With this change in weather we are also beginning to have some colds, runny noses, strep throat, etc... beginning to set in earlier than normal in our area. We need to take each of these scenarios and handle them with an abundance of caution. When these situations arise, please keep your child home from school and if the symptoms begin while at school, we will be sending your child home from school. Our school nurses will be working closely with you to ensure that the health and well-being of students is at the forefront and we take the proper steps needed to ensure a safe return to school. Many COVID-19 Symptoms are similar to cold and flu symptoms, but in the world we currently live we can't run the risk exposing others and potentially spreading COVID-19.

Below are the weekly numbers for the entire South Hardin Schools System, with students and staff included together. When a situation is going to directly impact you or your child, you will be contacted by a school nurse, school district administrator, or the department of public health with directions for what you need to do.

Current Data for Week of September 7th- September 11th (Data as of 12:00 PM 09/11/2020)

- 14 day rolling average positivity rate for Hardin County: 9.1%
- State Defined Risk Condition for Hardin County: **Minimal to Moderate**
- New Cases of Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 this week at SH: 4
- New Confirmed Positive Cases of COVID-19 this week at SH: 1
- Total number in quarantine or isolation due to exposure during week: 8
 - This number includes all students and staff who were being isolated or quarantined during this week, and includes those who were being isolated and quarantined from previous weeks. Quarantines and isolations will span multiple weeks.

Confirmed Exposure/Close Contact Defined: This means that a student or staff member was in close contact (within 6 feet) of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for at least 15 consecutive minutes. This does not mean the exposure happened at South Hardin Schools and so far none of our exposure cases have been traced to school related exposure. The current guidance from the Department of Public Health is that those individuals that are deemed to be close contacts are instructed to quarantine for 14 days, as the virus has been known to develop 2-14 days after close contact exposure to a positive case.

Be Safe, Be Smart, & Go Tigers!

Dr. Z