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It was great to be back in school with #OurKids this week. We had a great first week of school and I am so proud of our entire South Hardin Schools Family on coming together to successfully get the school year started. As we finish up this first week of school, I want to provide a weekly update related to COVID-19 and our local numbers that drive decision making.

I will be providing this weekly update on Friday afternoons, and give 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.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our entire staff for the work they have done to get the school year underway. I encourage you to take a moment to thank all of #OurStaff for their efforts. They are working very hard under less than ideal and challenging circumstances.

**Current Data for Week of August 31- September 4th (Data as of 2:00 PM 09/04/2020)**

- 14 day rolling average positivity rate: 9.1%
- State Defined Condition: Minimal to Moderate
- New Cases of Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 this week: 3
- New Confirmed Positive Cases of COVID-19 this week: 0
- Total in quarantine or isolation due to exposure during week: 4

**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 recommendation 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.

Through the many changes in procedures, schedules, policies, the wearing of masks/ shields, etc... All of #OurKids, #OurStaff, & #OurFamilies have risen to the challenge. I am so proud of each of you and know that together we can get through these challenging times. We are Stronger Together! We have embraced today's challenges, and we are looking forward to a bright future at South Hardin Schools!

Have a Great Labor Day Weekend! Be Safe, Be Smart, & Go Tigers!

Dr. Z