



# Valley City Public Schools

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Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians,

This afternoon we learned from Governor Doug Burgum the COVID-19 risk level increased from green to yellow in Barnes County. This elevated change from low to moderate was based upon the increased positive cases in our county.

Valley City Public Schools District Emergency Response Team met with our local health team following the Governor's press conference and has made the decision to CONTINUE with our Learning Plan B, which is in-person learning for all students K-12. We discussed mitigation strategies and will be implementing the following changes within the district:

- Students in grades K-6 will wear face masks on the playground during recess
- The district will be changing the spectator attendance limitations following the NDDoH guidelines beginning on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (update to follow)

We have had an amazing first four days of the school year and could not be more proud of our students, staff, and parents who have assisted in implementing and following the safety procedures in our district. While the number of positives cases in the county has increased, the number of cases and close contacts in the school has remained very low. Our adherence to the recommended safety measures already in place will allow us to continue with Learning Plan B.

Thank you students, staff, and parents for your continued support. We are better together bridging health and education at Valley City Public Schools. Let's continue to move from surviving to thriving.

Josh Johnson  
Superintendent  
Valley City Public Schools