

March 5, 2021

Eagle Nation,

I am pleased to provide this exciting update of our District's numbers related to COVID-19 quarantines and isolations. Our numbers have significantly improved when looking back to just a month ago.

In our last January update, Joplin Schools had 13 student isolations and 86 student quarantines. We also had 16 isolated employees and 21 quarantined employees. Our combined staff and student isolations were below 1% of our district population.

As of this Friday afternoon, March 5 our active Joplin City cases are at 30 with a combined area hospital occupancy of 18. Across the District, we are showing a grand total of 2 active cases.

With the expiration of city COVID protocols, I've been getting a lot of questions about whether Joplin Schools will be dropping our mask mandates and other safety protocols. No, we will not. Just as we started the year with our own procedures, we are still keeping with our plans. A good reminder and rationale is, if for no other reason, to reduce required quarantines with the CDC masking guidelines.

Keep holding the course Joplin Eagles. We are doing well.

