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Dear Clark County School Superintendents and Administrators-

We greatly appreciate all of the additional work and dedication each of you and your staff have done and are willing to do in the future to protect our students, faculty, staff and community from COVID-19. Our collaborative work during the Spring, Summer and Fall is certainly paying dividends for the community.

The most recent indicators are on an attached page. As of today, we only meet 4 of the indicators and therefore we will be RED on the Hazard Warning System this week. As you can see, Indicators 4 & 6 are showing a downward trend in Emergency Department visits and hospitalizations and this is not indicative of our hospital's experience. We do expect these numbers to reflect the facts more accurately soon. If we do end up back on the "Watchlist" and proceed to PURPLE, here are the written recommendations from the Clark County Combined Health District:

All schools should stay at their current level or may move to a more protective level if the school board chooses. CCCHD will closely monitor each school within Clark County and will make individual recommendations to the Superintendents or Administrators if additional coronavirus cases are found to be significantly affecting the students or teachers. At that time, the CCCHD will recommend the affected school move to the next higher level of protection for example from hybrid to virtual.

The CCCHD supports the schools and students to stay in person as they are currently to ensure that every educational opportunity is given to our county's youth. This extends to the social and emotional learning that takes place in the school environment.

The CCCHD is using data to drive its decision-making for COVID-19. Little spread within school buildings has been indicated in the last two months. In fact, little spread is being seen in controlled environments where masking and social distancing (as much as is practical within the schools) are required and adhered to by school officials. This includes outdoor athletic events with spectators such as football games and soccer matches. That is why these "events" have been allowed to continue. Evidence to the contrary will require careful consideration for the continued allowance of the same.

Please contact us with any questions.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Patterson", is written over a white background.

Charles Patterson, Health Commissioner