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For Immediate Release

The Operations Team of the Beadle County Covid-19 Task Force “Recommends Target Thresholds for Mask Requirements beginning October 4.**”**

At the request of Huron School District officials, The Operations Team of the Beadle County Covid-19 Task Force met on Friday, September 17th, and reached agreement on the following **updated** position concerning precautions with Covid 19 infections:

“The Operations Team of the Beadle County Covid-19 Task Force is recommending the following actions and implementation dates:

- 1. Implement free testing program in Huron for all citizens, including students and staff beginning Monday, September 20. The program will test on Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 7:30 sharp to 8:30 am with drive-thru at testing site and no appointment needed.***
- 2. Report infections rates of students and staff directly to Huron School District.***
- 3. Recommends the following guidelines for Masking beginning Monday, October 4th:***
 - a. An infection rate of 1% (33 students &/or staff) in Huron School District will place the school district in YELLOW with full masking requirements.***
 - b. An infection rate of 1% in any one school will put that school in YELLOW with full masking requirements.***
 - i. Buchanan – 5 students &/or staff***
 - ii. Madison – 5 students &/or staff***
 - iii. Washington – 5 students &/or staff***
 - iv. Middle School – 7 students &/or staff***

- ***Reducing pressure on medical providers.***
- ***Keeping parents available to work.***
- ***Keeping businesses open.***