



Lisa Tuttle-Huff, Superintendent
Rich Natiello, Treasurer

July 10, 2020

Gov. Mike DeWine unveiled the latest health alert levels for counties connected to the coronavirus pandemic in the state. Butler County is now on the watch list for Level 4 purple level.

Level 4 would mean a possible closure of schools and cancelling all athletics for the season. Officials say to stay home as much as possible when in this level. Butler County and Hamilton County are the only counties on this watch list right now.

With Butler County on the Level 4 watch list, the following information was released:

Between Jun. 24 and Jun. 30, Butler County had 181 cases reported, the largest number of COVID-19 weekly cases reported since the beginning of the pandemic. From June 16 until July 3, the average new cases per day doubled from 15 to 29.

From June 16 and July 4, visits for COVID-19 symptoms to the ER tripled from an average of 2 per day to 7. Between June 16 and July 7, the average outpatient visits more than doubled from 15 to 38 visits per day.

Butler County also hit a new threshold for the overall utilization rate for regional Intensive Care Unit beds, which exceeded 80% during 5 of the last 7 days.

There have been no cases of COVID reported at the school. Madison Local Schools is suspending **practices** to evaluate all safety protocols related to COVID and take precautions to assure the safety of our athletes. Our number one goal is to start school in August and keep our students safe.

Fall sports will still be played, unless we are notified by the health department, OHSAA, or Governor Dewine that we cannot play. We will evaluate the situation next week and make decisions based on the data.

Thanks for keeping our students safe!

Dr. Lisa Tuttle-Huff