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Dear Colleagues,

Today the ADHS School Benchmarks website noted a change for Pima County. The disease indicator now depicts greater than 100 COVID cases per 100,000 population; moving Pima County into the red for that single indicator. This is concerning, and given the 2-week reporting lag we expect this to continue during the next week. The deterioration in this metric is driven by the clustering of cases in and around the University of Arizona.

Notably however, the Percent Positivity and COVID-Like-Illness indicators continue to be in the green zone. As importantly, we continue to make steady progress on the remaining Pima County specific Public Health and Health Care system indicators.

Pima County remains optimistic about the overall infection trends in this community and the mitigation measures that we and partners have put in place to contain the impact of the university associated cases. We continue to support your plans to cautiously move into the hybrid instruction phase of your back to school plans.

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