

2020-21 HOLIDAY PERIOD AND COVID-19 RESPONSE

UPPER DAUPHIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Why is the Upper Dauphin Area School District taking this action?

- To protect the health and safety of staff and students.
- To help preserve in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year.
- To recognize the potential increase in cases following major holidays.
- To respond to recent cases of COVID-19 in the schools.
- To respond to staff shortages resulting from COVID-19 quarantines.
- To afford parents the opportunity to plan for childcare needs.
- To follow the COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan put in place over the summer.

What approach is being taken?

- There will be fourteen day 'remote periods' following each of the major holidays.
 - December 1st to December 11th
 - January 4th to January 14th
- During the remote periods, all students will attend school online using the Enhanced Remote Education Program.
- During the remote periods, teachers and staff will be working from the school buildings to provide instruction and support services to students.
- Students will come to the school buildings on December 14th through December 23rd (December 23rd is a half-day).

Will meals be provided during the remote periods?

- Yes. Meals will be available at the Middle School entrance between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM on the following dates:
 - December 1st
 - December 3rd
 - December 8th
 - December 10th
 - January 4th
 - January 6th
 - January 11th
 - January 13th

How does the Enhanced Remote Education Program Work?

- Each student has been issued an iPad.
- Each student who has challenges with internet access has been issued a hotspot.
- If you need a hotspot, please contact the UDA District Office at (717) 362-6556.
- The UDASD has issued guidelines for the Enhanced Remote Education Program on the Online Learning Page of its website (www.udasd.org/remote-education).
- If you need assistance with technology related issues, please email studenthelpdesk@kids.udasd.org.

Will my child still receive Special Education, English Language and Section 504 services?

- Yes, faculty and paraprofessionals are expected to meet the IEP, 504, and EL requirements of all students within those respective programs.
- The IEP and 504 teams may reconvene to discuss modifications that may be necessary to reflect both, in-person and Enhanced Remote Education.
- All IEP and 504 meetings will be held virtually.

Will extracurricular activities occur during 'remote periods'?

- Extracurricular activities will not be permitted on school property or elsewhere during 'remote periods.'
- Extracurricular activities will be permitted to occur during most holiday periods followed by fourteen-day remote periods to help preserve future in-person learning.
- Extracurricular contests will be allowed to occur from December 23rd to December 31st, but no fans will be allowed at contests during this period.

Please Note: The UDASD requests that you still notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is quarantined for COVID-19 during the 'remote periods' by contacting the school nurse at (717) 362-6575 or via email at zignerk@udasd.org.