

November 16, 2020

Dear Upper Dauphin Area School District Community:

Within the past 24-hours, the Upper Dauphin Area School District was notified that an individual that attends the **elementary school** has tested positive for COVID-19. This information has been confirmed by the family's physician. The individual has not been in the building within the past five days. Members of the district's Pandemic Crisis Response Team have communicated directly with Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) staff to conduct a thorough risk assessment and determine room isolation and specific cleaning and disinfecting protocols per [CDC Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting](#). The UDASD has also worked with DOH to identify those individuals deemed to be close contacts and those close contacts have been notified. The District has followed all guidance provided by the DOH and plans to remain open for in-person learning at this time.

The Department of Health has established procedures for timely communication with school districts when there is a probable or positive COVID-19 case. Contact tracing and isolation of positive cases or quarantine of close contacts can slow and stop the transmission of COVID-19. ***The individual who presents as a probable or positive COVID-19 case will not be identified.***

As always, we encourage you to monitor yourselves and your family for the following symptoms:

- Fever (100.4 degrees or above)
- Cough
- Body Aches
- Shortness of Breath
- Loss of taste/smell

If you experience any of the symptoms above, please contact your physician for instructions and care.

The [CDC](#) continues to serve as a tremendous resource to aid you in finding up-to-date and reliable guidance about coronavirus. Please continue to educate yourselves on what you can do to protect your family and others.

The safety and security of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We thank our entire school community for your ongoing effort in following established protocols to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Jared W. Shade
Superintendent