

The Upper Dauphin Area School District (UDASD) has decided that face coverings will be required until such time as the courts or Pennsylvania Department of Health determine that the face covering order is no longer valid. At that time, the UDASD will revert to its current Health and Safety Plan which makes face coverings optional except for certain situations. Please note that the UDASD believes it has a moral and ethical responsibility to contact trace and quarantine and will continue to do so based on the Health and Safety Plan approved by the Board of School Directors.

EXCEPTIONS

Face coverings will be optional except in the following situations in which case face coverings will be mandatory:

- When riding on district provided transportation
- Students and staff within PreK and Head Start programs
- If the student is symptomatic or positive for COVID-19 and is awaiting transport home
- If a vaccinated individual is determined to be a close contact of a positive case until a negative test is received (after 2-5 Days)
- For the remainder of the fourteen (14) days following a virtual learning period caused by a single outbreak
- For fourteen (14) days following a virtual learning period caused by three outbreaks or meeting case thresholds

CASE THRESHOLDS

Based on PA DOH guidance, the UDASD has established thresholds after which the UDASD may decide to move to a different operational level including the potential for fully virtual learning. Those thresholds are listed below:

- Elementary School – 19 Cases
- Middle School – 16 Cases
- High School – 18 Cases
- District-wide – If more than one building meets the criteria.

It should also be noted that based on the UDASD Continuity, Emergency, and Crisis Management Plan that the UDASD may move to fully virtual learning if the district does not have enough staffing due to positive cases, quarantines, or any other reason.

INDIVIDUALS WITH VACCINATIONS

Students who are vaccinated are at a reduced likelihood of having to quarantine. Anyone who is vaccinated (students or staff) will not have to quarantine following a close contact with a positive individual. Those who are vaccinated will need to wear a face covering if determined to be a close contact and may test out of having to wear a face covering after 2-5 days. This means that there is no disruption to attending school or participating in activities. Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19, even if they are vaccinated, will need to isolate for ten (10) days based on the date of first symptoms.

INDIVIDUALS WEARING FACE COVERINGS

Students who wear face coverings are at a reduced likelihood of having to quarantine. If both the student who is positive for COVID-19 and the student who is a close contact are wearing face coverings, then the student who is a close contact would not need to quarantine. This means that there is no disruption to attending school or participating in activities. This does not apply to staff members. Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19, even if wearing a face covering, will need to isolate for ten (10) days based on the date of first symptoms.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

Students and staff members who are not vaccinated, do not meet the above face covering exemption, and are identified as a close contact with a positive case will need to quarantine for ten (10) days from last contact with the positive individual. Individuals may test out of quarantine after five (5) days and return to school and activities after seven (7) days if they receive negative test results and do not have symptoms.

A close contact is defined as someone who is within six feet of a positive individual for a cumulative or consecutive timeframe of fifteen minutes or more.

A person who is a close contact with someone they live with must serve the ten (10) day isolation period of the positive individual plus a ten (10) day quarantine following the conclusion of the isolation period. The same rules for testing out (5 days for test and 7 days for return) apply during the quarantine period.