UDASD COVID RESPONSE

The Upper Dauphin Area School District (UDASD) is currently following our school board approved Health and Safety Plan which makes face coverings voluntary except for certain situations.

WHEN FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED

Face coverings will be voluntary except in the following situations when face coverings are mandated:

- 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
- Individuals returning from isolation due to testing positive
- Individuals returning from quarantine as a "household contact"
- For up to fourteen (14) days following virtual learning caused by an outbreak (i.e. multiple cases in one setting/classroom)
- For up to fourteen (14) days after meeting case thresholds (see below)

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 other factors.

INDIVIDUALS WITH VACCINATIONS

Individuals with vaccinations will not have to quarantine unless they are symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19. Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19, even if vaccinated, will need to isolate for five (5) days based on the date of first symptoms being day zero. The individual will then have to wear a face covering for an additional five (5) days upon return to school.

Individuals who have had COVID-19 within the past ninety (90) days will be treated the same as vaccinated individuals.

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

The Upper Dauphin Area School district will only restrict access to school to students and staff who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or are identified as an unvaccinated "household contact". A "household contact" is an individual who cohabitates with a person who is considered positive for COVID-19.

All other asymptomatic students and staff, even if they are deemed close contacts at school or on school transportation, will not be subject to restriction from school or school activities regardless of their vaccination status.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for five (5) days from the date of first symptoms or the date of positive test (if asymptomatic). Upon return to school, the individual must wear a face covering for an additional five (5) days.

Individuals who are symptomatic should exclude themselves from the school environment. Individuals may return upon receiving a negative test (after day five of symptom onset) or being cleared by a medical provider. Individuals who are symptomatic will be sent home from school if they begin to exhibit symptoms while in school.

As the UDASD begins this new phase of COVID-19 response, it is more important than ever to keep students home if they are experiencing COVID-19, flu, or cold-like symptoms.

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