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Dear Upper Adams School District Families:

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the Upper Adams School District Board of Directors approved a revision of the District's Health and Safety Plan.

The current mask protocols have not changed. We will continue with the current masking order and proceed with the options parents and students selected in early September, 2021. When the district is notified by state officials that the mask order is no longer a mandate, parents and students will be notified that masks are optional, which provides parents and students a choice to wear or not wear a mask. Again, at this time the mask protocols currently in place at UASD have not changed.

Per the current District's Health and Safety Plan revision, the new expectations set forth by the PA Department of Health are now being implemented. Therefore, we are no longer required to provide contact tracing information except to notify the state each Friday with the number of students and adults in quarantine by district building. Similarly, we are required to provide the number of students and adults with confirmed COVID-19 by district building. No names or personal information is being requested in these Friday reports and the numbers we submit to the state are the same numbers posted on our district website at www.upperadams.org. This protocol will continue until we are notified that we no longer need to provide numbers to the state.

Since the number of COVID-19 and quarantine cases are being reported to the PA Department of Health so that they can conduct contact tracing and quarantine/isolation orders, if necessary, the district is making a change to how we quarantine in K-12 classrooms. This means that student(s) are not required to quarantine unless they have developed symptoms of COVID-19 or have a loss of taste and/or smell as directed by the PA Department of Health. Full-class quarantines will only be utilized for situations impacting the quality of instruction and the safety of students. For example, if there is sickness or situations impacting a majority of the classroom setting.

The Upper Adams School District will continue to quarantine students who are living with a person who is positive for COVID-19. For in-school close contacts we will provide a communication notifying parents of their child being a close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19. A sample of this communication is posted on our district website. If a parent receives this communication the parent will determine if their child will need to quarantine. All students having symptoms will quarantine. It is still the recommendation that those close contacts quarantine for the 10-day period.

Should families choose to voluntarily quarantine their student(s), we will provide the date of last exposure and the date on which the student could return to school as long as they do not experience any symptoms. In the event that you elect to quarantine after the date of exposure, we would ask you to notify the school so that we can update attendance and ensure that your student(s) receive the instruction/classwork information.

We will continue to utilize the remaining, unchanged sections of the District's Health and Safety Plan to maintain safety and mitigation efforts related to COVID-19. Thank you for your attention to this Health and Safety Plan review and quarantine update.

Sincerely,

Wesley T. Doll

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