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Dear UASD Family Members:

This communication is a follow-up to the letter parents/guardians received from the District on Friday, September 3, 2021 regarding the implementation of the Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Face Coverings in School Entities. Links to the English and Spanish versions of the letter are posted at www.upperadams.org under "District News"

Additional links to resources related to the order:

[PDE Masking Order Site](#)

[ORDER](#)

[PDE FAQs](#)

Today, we continue to receive messages regarding positive COVID-19 cases among students. If your child has any form of sickness, please keep him/her at home as a precaution. Sending sick children to school during the COVID-19 Pandemic increases quarantines and the potential to close classrooms, schools, and/or various student programs.

Since sending the initial communication on Friday, September 3, 2021, we have received a number of questions from parents/guardians regarding whether their child(ren) may qualify for a mask exemption. We will continue to work with families regarding mask exceptions as outlined in the Masking Order (Section 3). Please contact your child's building principal prior to Friday, September 10, 2021.

We will utilize Tuesday, September 7, 2021 through 3:30pm on Friday, September 10, 2021 as a period of time to get students reacquainted to wearing masks and/or receiving requests for exception. Again, by Friday, September 10, 2021 at 3:30pm the building principals must know if you, the parent/guardian, are requesting to proceed with an exception.

Beginning on Monday, September 13, 2021, we will be enforcing the mask mandate and following our code of conduct found in the student handbooks as it applies to insubordination for non-compliance.

We are very excited to have all our students return to in-person education at UASD Schools in 2021-2022. We hope we will be able to continue to deliver instruction in-person on a daily basis to all our students. We are still able to achieve our goal for in-person instruction with the new masking order in place, but we need your help by following the order options.

It is extremely clear to me that our community has a wide range of thoughts and emotions regarding this new order. For that reason I am asking everyone to come together and follow the items outlined in this letter in our best effort to keep focused on keeping our students and adults healthy for in-person instruction. I know Canner Nation can come together and collectively we can meet the requirements of the order.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent