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## UPPER ADAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Upper Adams School District Parents/Guardians:

As a reminder, if your child(ren) is/are sick, please keep them home. Keeping sick individuals at home until they are symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school will increase our ability to keep our schools open. **As of today we were informed of four (4) confirmed/probable cases of COVID-19 in the school district that includes Biglerville High School (2), Upper Adams Intermediate School (1), and Biglerville Elementary School (1).** As a result of this information, our District and Building Administration have been in contact with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and we are taking measures for continued compliance with additional guidance.

**All schools will remain open at this time; however, we are monitoring increases in the confirmed/probable cases of COVID-19 at each school. We will notify parents and school staff if any school will move to remote learning.**

Due to privacy requirements, we cannot release the names of the individuals or details that may identify them. We can share with you that the individuals who have a confirmed/probable case of COVID-19 will isolate for 10 days and be symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning.

Per our established protocol, we have thoroughly cleaned and disinfected potentially exposed spaces and classrooms, and we have taken all the necessary precautions. We are in contact with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and we will continue to take the steps necessary to protect the health of our students and staff.

We will continue with our cleaning protocols and contact any person who may have been in close contact while in the building and advise them to quarantine for 10 days. The definition of close contact, according to the CDC, is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. The Pennsylvania Department of Health still uses the following when determining who must quarantine: The definition of exposure is a person who was within six feet of the person for at least 15 consecutive minutes. The District has been in contact with any person who meets the definition of close contact, according to the Department of Health while in our buildings, and has directed them to follow appropriate quarantine guidelines.

The District will continue to monitor our students and staff for any additional probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases, and we will continue to seek guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and communicate any changes to our families and staff as soon as possible. Please refer to our [COVID-19 page](#) on our website for more information pertaining to the number and location of cases in our district.

Ensuring that our students, staff, and school environment are safe remains of the greatest importance to us. As a reminder, please continue to closely monitor your child's health and seek medical attention if any new symptoms arise that are new and/or not explained by another reason. For more information on COVID-19, please visit the CDC's website at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov). Thank you for your assistance as we continue to work together to keep our schools open.

Sincerely,

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