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Upper Adams School District Families:

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe as the holiday season approaches. Our district schools have operated with in-person or hybrid learning since August 26, 2020 thanks to the tremendous support of the entire school community. Thank you so much for everyone's hard work and dedication!

Approximately three weeks ago we celebrated the Thanksgiving Holiday. Since that time, we have seen an increase in the number of both quarantine and positive COVID-19 cases throughout the Upper Adams School District (UASD). As of Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 12 noon we learned of two (2) positive COVID cases at Biglerville Elementary School, one (1) positive COVID case at Upper Adams Middle School, and two (2) positive COVID cases at Biglerville High School. School district personnel are making the needed contacts and we are following the protocols outlined in previous letters. The increases in COVID cases at UASD is similar to the increases we are seeing throughout Adams County. As the holiday break approaches, we will continue to monitor the number of COVID cases at the Upper Adams School District and throughout Adams County. If the Thanksgiving Holiday is an indicator of what could happen in January 2021, I am concerned about the impact this will have on continuing to provide in-person learning.

If you have a child or children who test positive to COVID-19 or have been exposed to a person who tested positive to COVID-19 over the break, please contact Candy Bretzman at 717-677-7191, extension 2751 and leave a message with your child's first and last name, grade level, and school he/she attends. We plan to track cases prior to schools reopening on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Please continue to do whatever you can to remain safe and healthy over the break. The entire school community has done an exceptional job remaining healthy for UASD to continue providing in-person instruction during the first five months of the school year. This is impressive considering the challenges we all face daily! If we are able to remain healthy and safe we will be able to continue providing in-person instruction K-12 for the months to come even during the flu, cold, and strep throat time of the year.

Ensuring that our students, employees, and school environment are healthy and safe remains of 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 www.cdc.gov.

Thank you for your continued attention and support as we focus on health and safety and manage risk together.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent