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Upper Adams School District Community:

**As a result of the snow event ALL Schools in the Upper Adams School District are closed today (Thursday, December 17, 2020).** On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department Of Health (DOH) officially informed the Upper Adams School District (UASD) of three (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at Upper Adams Middle School and three (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Biglerville High School. The individuals are following the DOH guidance on quarantine and other measures to take before returning to the district. Due to privacy requirements, we cannot release the names of the individuals or details that may identify him or her. We can share with you that the individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will not return to school for a specified period of time outlined by DOH.

**After reviewing these cases with health experts, Upper Adams Middle School (UAMS) and Biglerville High School (BHS) will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 17 for a deep cleaning of classrooms and other essential areas. UAMS and BHS will also be CLOSED on Friday, December 18, 2020 for any scheduled in-person instruction. Remote Instruction will continue for students on Friday, December 18, 2020 for both middle and high school students. The middle and high schools will reopen for in-person instruction on Monday, December 21, 2020. A message from the UAMS Principal, Mr. Brewer and BHS Principal, Mrs. Graham, will be coming out to UAMS and BHS Families today (Thursday, December 17, 2020).**

**All other district schools will remain open on Friday, December 18, 2020 at this time.**

The UASD is following all health and safety protocols to thoroughly clean and disinfect the school campus. An Electrostatic machine is being utilized to conduct a deep clean of the school campus and additional cleaning measures are also being taken to clean areas throughout the campus. The District will continue to follow all Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance and we will continue to monitor our district students and employees for any additional suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. We will continue to seek guidance from the DOH and communicate any new information to our families and employees as soon as possible.

The DOH advised the district and ***the District is contacting any person who may have been exposed while in the building or being transported to or from school on a bus. We are advising these individuals to quarantine for 14 days.*** (The definition of exposure is a person who was within six feet of the person for at least 15 consecutive minutes.) The District ***will be in contact with any person who meets the definition of exposure*** (considered "close contacts") while in our building or on a school bus and will direct them to follow appropriate quarantine guidelines. **If you have not been contacted about a quarantine, you can continue to safely attend schools when they are open.**

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](http://www.cdc.gov).

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

Sincerely,

Wesley T. Doll  
Superintendent