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Upper Adams School District Community:

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) officially informed the Upper Adams School District (UASD) of one confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at Biglerville High School and two confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at Upper Adams Middle School. We combined the cases in this communication to avoid confusion by sending multiple letters on the same day. 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.

Biglerville High School, Upper Adams Middle School, and all other district schools will remain open 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 advised 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 buildings or on a school bus and has directed them to follow appropriate quarantine guidelines. **If you have not been contacted about a quarantine, you can continue to safely attend school.**

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 and/or symptoms 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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