

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

March 9, 2020

Dear UMASD Families,

The Upper Merion Area School District has been advised that two (2) students may have been exposed to COVID-19 during visits to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia facility in King of Prussia, where a healthcare provider has been diagnosed with COVID-19. As a precaution, those students and the caretakers that were present during this visit are under quarantine for 14 days.

The Montgomery County Office of Public Health has advised us that the CDC says these two (2) students pose no risk of transmission, since they are not showing any symptoms. The District already has enhanced cleaning protocols in place as we have been utilizing those protocols since early last week. However, out of an abundance of caution, **all UMASD schools will be closed on Tuesday, March 10, 2020**, for additional sanitizing. Special attention will be given to public spaces and high-touch surfaces, such as keyboards, railings, door handles, etc.

With that being said, please be advised that all after school and evening activities including Right At School will be cancelled on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in order to allow us to perform enhanced cleaning of each of our buildings. As we move forward during this time and we navigate this Coronavirus (COVID-19) issue, let's all use good common sense in all that we do regarding personal hygiene. Should your child or someone in your household show any symptoms consistent with the COVID-19, please reach out to a health care professional immediately.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding in light of this developing public health concern. The health and safety of our students and staff remain Upper Merion Area School District's top priority. We will keep you informed of any additional cancelations and plans as situations warrant.

Sincerely,

Dr. John A. Toleno
Superintendent of Schools