



Upper Township School District

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Dear Families,

Earlier today, we were informed by the Cape May County Health Department that the county's official COVID-19 status has moved from "Yellow/Moderate Risk" to "Orange/High Risk." In order for school districts to remain open during "Orange/High Risk" status for in-person schooling, the following must be achieved and placed into immediate effect:

1. ANY student/staff member presenting any symptoms can only return to in-person schooling after receiving a NEGATIVE COVID-19 test. Clearance by a doctor without a negative test is no longer acceptable.
2. ALL siblings of a student presenting any symptoms MUST also self-isolate until the child who is presenting symptoms receives a NEGATIVE COVID-19 test.
3. The District continues to provide the necessary PPE, cleaning and sanitizing solutions to all staff and students.
4. Parents continue to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessments for EACH child before leaving the house on in-person learning days.
5. Staff continue to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessments before entering a building.
6. Students are no longer permitted to eat lunch with another cohort. Students will now eat lunch in their respective classrooms and will still have the ability to purchase lunch.

In great collaboration with our teaching staff, BOE, and families, the administrative team is extremely proud to inform you that ALL Upper Township Schools **will remain open** for in-person learning during the "Orange/High Risk" designation.

In-person learning will continue for as long as we can maintain our current levels of safety for all staff and students **OR** until Cape May County transitions from "Orange/High Risk" to "Red/Very High Risk." If either of those scenarios prove true, in-person schooling will be temporarily suspended and all students will receive all-virtual instruction (more info to follow).

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and cooperation and I hope that you and your family have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Mr. P. 😊