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## Current Phase of District and County Emergency Response Plan

PHASE 3: Postponing

March 12, 2020

## PARENTLINK VOICE CALL

Good afternoon.

This is Dr. Daniel McGarry calling you with an important update on our actions steps for handling the Coronavirus/COVID 19. As the global outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 continues to evolve, Upper Darby School District has been monitoring local reports and evaluating our emergency response plan. At this time, Upper Darby School District has transitioned into the next phase of our plan referred to as postponing. Effective immediately, we are postponing all field trips, after-school activities, and events for both District and outside groups using our facilities until further notice.

In light of the national movement toward limiting large group gatherings (i.e. the NBA's season suspension; live studio audience bans; travel bans and limitations; cancellations/postponements of concerts, festivals, and parades, etc.), we carefully

evaluated the national goal of slowing down the spread of COVID-19. Given the size of our District, we generally expect hundreds to thousands at each event. We feel this decision is necessary to keep our students, families and communities healthy.

An email with further information will accompany this message. We understand the inconvenience this may cause for families, but at this time, we feel this is the best next step for our school community.

## PARENTLINK EMAIL

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## THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE:

- All student field trips are cancelled. This includes out-of-state trips.
- All athletic and sporting events are cancelled until further notice.

- All after-school activities are postponed until further notice. This includes practices and after-school clubs.
- All plays and public performances postponed until further notice.
- SAT testing for this weekend has been postponed.
- All events/activities for outside groups using District facilities are cancelled until further notice.
- All outside groups using Upper Darby School District indoor facilities are postponed until further notice. Field usage, however, will be permitted with no access to buildings.
- All events/activities open to the public in District schools are postponed until further notice (i.e. PAC events, the Upper Darby School District Pool, etc.).
- All volunteer programs in our buildings are suspended until further notice.

Our morning care and after-care **will continue** except on Friday, March 13, 2020 when all schools are closed. As a reminder, Friday, March 13, 2020 is a District inservice day, and students are not to attend school.

We will be cleaning our buildings and schools on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide another update after Governor Wolf's press conference.

You can access the District's Phase Level Action Plan on our website.