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## **Current Phase of District and County Emergency Response Plan**

### **Upper Darby School District Announces Closing of Schools due to COVID-19**

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#### **PARENTLINK VOICE CALL & EMAIL**

This is Dr. Dan McGarry, Superintendent of Schools, reaching out to you with an update on our handling of the Governor's state-wide school closure announcement as a result of Coronavirus/COVID-19. This afternoon, Governor Tom Wolf announced the following:

*"...all K-12 Pennsylvania schools will be closed for 10 business days effective Monday, March 16. The administration has been working with school districts as well as state and local officials to gather input on this decision. The Wolf Administration will continue to monitor Covid-19 in the commonwealth, and at the end of 10 days will reevaluate and decide whether continued closure is needed."* You can read Governor Wolf's complete statement at:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-announces-closure-of-pennsylvania-schools/> .

This decision means that our school buildings and grounds will be closed to the public during this time, and we ask that families respect this direction from the Governor. Governor Wolf also announced that, "...no school District will be penalized if it fails to meet the 180 day or school hours requirements." School districts are encouraged to apply for a waiver as needed. Upper Darby School District teachers and administrators have spent multiple days, including today's in-service day, preparing instructional materials and resources for our students to provide educational opportunities during this closure.

This is an evolving situation. We understand that the timing of this announcement may be inconvenient for our families. We appreciate your patience as we work together to overcome this new development. We will provide an update on our plan to provide educational resources by 4:00 PM this Sunday. Please check your email, our social media and [website](#) for updates. We will also be announcing our plans to feed students during the shutdown on Sunday as well.

We urge you to continue to be vigilant and monitor your children for signs of illness and to recognize signs of illness in yourself. Please contact your medical health care provider with any symptoms.