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Good Afternoon Upper Darby School District Families:

This is Dr. Daniel McGarry, Superintendent of Schools, reaching out to you with another update regarding our plans to reopen schools. As I stated in earlier communications, it is our intent to provide notification of any changes to our reopening of schools process to families as close to two (2) weeks in advance as possible.

We have expanded our school reopening plans to bring back as many grade levels and students as safely as possible in the cohort/flexible/in-person instruction model. It is also our goal to continue to provide virtual learning as an option for parents who do not feel comfortable transitioning their students back into buildings at this time. We are grateful to our staff and administration for their dedication and efforts to expand in-person opportunities for more grade spans. We also appreciate the support of all of our families throughout this process.

Please find attached a [Reopening of Schools Brochure](#) which will layout the school reopening timeline and key factors that will determine how many days we can return our students to in-person instruction. **Please note in the brochure the important date of MARCH 26th for parents. Parents will need to commit to either in-person instruction or virtual instruction NO LATER THAN MARCH 26th. Please read the brochure for more information.**

Please also find linked the following important information:

- [UDSD Daily Symptom Screening Tool](#) - This tool is intended to help families determine whether or not students should attend school each day and to help families identify when a child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Please reference it regularly.
- [Student Rapid Antigen Testing Consent Form](#) - Please review the attached [Rapid Antigen Testing Parent Letter](#). The attached consent form is intended for our families of elementary students and K-12 Low-incidence special education program families. Please see the attached consent form for rapid antigen testing and a letter explaining the process. This is another layer of our mitigation strategies to assist us in keeping school safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate all of the families who already provided consent to participate. If you have not yet completed the consent form and wish to participate, please sign the current version and send it to your school nurse. Feel free to contact me or your school Principal or nurse with any questions.

We intend to continue to support students as they adjust to their in-person return as well as students who are continuing in virtual learning (synchronous and asynchronous). Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through our plans to return students to our schools for in-person instruction.

Thank you!