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Good evening, Upper Darby School District families,

I am Chris Pugliese, your Director of Pupil Services. According to the PA Department of Education's COVID-19 dashboard, Delaware County's most recent incidence rate* is 8.8 and our most recent percent positivity** is 1.1%. To help put this in perspective, our county's incidence rate in late November 2020 was 310.40 and our percent positivity in late November was 10.47%. While COVID-19 is still a concern for us all, we are pleased to report that we have made significant progress.

We are excited about our plans to open schools on August 30. We will continue to work hard and prepare our schools for your children. Please continue to stay safe, take care of yourselves and your loved ones by washing your hands frequently, covering your cough and staying home if you are feeling sick. Please contact your pediatrician if you have questions about your children's health.

If your child or children have been vaccinated for COVID-19, and you are comfortable sharing that information with us, please click [here](#) and complete the form found at the link.

Thank you for your attention to this important information and have a great evening.

*Incidence rate is a public health measure that summarizes the number of new COVID-19 cases. The lower the incidence rate, the lower the number of new cases. The measure is calculated by dividing the total number of confirmed cases by the population for a specific time period, and is expressed as a rate per 100,000 people.

**Percent positivity is a public health measure that shows the percentage of all PCR COVID-19 tests performed that are positive. This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of positive PCR tests by the total number of all PCR tests (positives + negatives) for a specific time period, and is expressed as a percent. If individuals are tested multiple times, each test is counted.