



# Mount Union Area School District

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## Plan to Transition to Temporary Remote Instruction

October 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of MUASD students:

We will return to school tomorrow, Wednesday, October 14, 2020 but we will transition to Remote Instruction beginning on Thursday, October 15th. We plan to return to face-to-face on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. This allows us five days to thoroughly clean the buildings. We will send all materials home with your child tomorrow for the remote instruction on Thursday, Friday, and Monday. Students will need a computer or tablet and internet access to participate in remote learning. Our district will provide a device for all students who return their device sign-out form tomorrow. The sign-out forms were sent home with students today. Families who prefer to use their own device may do so. Please make sure your device is compatible with Microsoft Teams. Students and staff will follow their normal schedule during remote instruction days. The following paragraphs outline the updated information we have concerning our current COVID-19 cases. This information has led to our decision to close the buildings for a few days.

Last evening, we elected to quarantine our varsity and junior varsity football teams when we received a report of a person involved with our football program being tested positive for Covid-19. This information had not been confirmed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), but we wanted to take all precautions to avoid any further exposure. Today, it was determined that the varsity and junior varsity football team will be placed on a 14-day quarantine confirmed by the Department of Health. Those students will be permitted to return to face-to-face instruction on Monday, October 26, 2020.

This morning, we received word that a senior high student had tested positive with COVID-19 over the weekend. This student does not participate in face-to-face learning at MUASD. Members of the marching band have been quarantined due to close contact with the positive case. The parents of the affected individuals have been contacted. Those students have been quarantined for 14 days from their last exposure, which was October 2, 2020, making them eligible to return to school on Monday, October 19, 2020. The Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center has been contacted as well about this case. The band room will be deep cleaned and fogged this evening.

We also learned of a positive case in our junior high school. The person involved has not been in school since October 6, 2020. All parents of persons who were in close contact with this individual have been contacted and the students have been quarantined. Those on quarantine for this case may return to school on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Parents are urged to sign and return the device sign-out forms to school with your child tomorrow, Wednesday, October 14th if you would like a device. Charged devices need to be returned to school Tuesday morning with the students for use at school.

We continue to thank our wonderful community for your outpouring of support for students and staff. We understand the hardship this change places on our families, but believe it provides us with the best chance of remaining face-to-face in the long term. We will continue to update you with any changes.

Sincerely,  
The MUASD Administration Team

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