



# Mount Union Area School District

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## Update on COVID-19 in our schools

October 21, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of MUASD students:

Since we were alerted to our first positive Covid case on October 10, 2020 we have added four positive cases bringing us to a total of eight cases in our District. The new cases include two non-instructional staff at Kistler Elementary School. These two cases resulted in six other staff members quarantining. Four students were also quarantined. The students who were quarantined were all MUASD high school students who had close contact outside of the school setting. None of the Kistler Elementary School students were in close contact with either positive person. One of the staff members was last in the building on Friday, October 9th. The other has not been in the building since Tuesday, October 13th. The other two new cases include two high school students who have tested positive. Neither of these students have been in school since October 9th. There were 19 students and two teachers who were determined to be close contacts of these students. All of those individuals have been quarantined.

We are happy to share that Shirley Township Elementary does not have any cases to date. We want to keep our community abreast of what is happening. We do ask that you understand that we are doing everything that we can to alert those who have been close contacts and have them quarantine immediately. It's important that you let us know if your child has tested and then let us know the results right away. This allows us to start contact tracing immediately which reduces the risk of further transmission in our schools.

We must have proof of a test result in order to begin contact tracing. It saves a lot of time if you can provide us with a copy of the test or sign a release for the school district to receive the results from your medical professional. Without this, we must contact DOH for assistance in getting the results. This can take a day or longer which results in students and staff who have been exposed unknowingly being in our schools possibly making others ill.

As of right now, we have been advised to continue our face-to-face instructional model. We will continue to monitor our specific situation daily to make determinations on our instructional model. We do ask for your help in keeping us at school for the long term. Please continue to keep students who are sick at home and call your health professional for guidance. Send your child to school with a clean face covering and remind them to wash their hands and maintain social distancing. These small tasks make a huge difference in the war against spreading COVID in our schools.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. We truly have an amazing community.

Sincerely,  
The MUASD Administration Team

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