## **Union Township School Corporation**

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Dear Union Township School families,

One of our main strategies in our restart to our school year with both in-person and virtual learning was our ability to address the <u>expected</u> incidence when a positive case of COVID-19 should arise. Our administrative team in conjunction with our local health department has taken many preemptive steps to safely and successfully navigate through an occurrence. Thanks to the incredible cooperation from our students, staff and families, our school year has, for the most part, proceeded safely by adhering to self-quarantine measures, mask mandates and social distancing. With that said, we have been notified of a positive case of COVID-19 at Wheeler High School.

Following our re-entry plan the individual has been notified to follow the proper quarantine guidelines and our school health team is determining any other individuals who may have had DIRECT contact (closer than 6 feet for MORE than 15 minutes) with them. If your child(ren) falls into this category, we will be contacting you to begin quarantining per the Porter County Health Department recommendations. Additionally, the classroom(s) of the individual has received additional sanitizing attention beyond our already stringent protocols.

<u>Please be aware</u> that due to privacy laws, including HIPAA and FERPA, the district cannot divulge further information regarding staff members or students.

In order to continue keeping YOUR child's school(s) safe please continue to follow the protocols outlined in the UTSC Return to Learn. Each person in our community can do their part by:

- performing daily health screenings
- wearing a mask
- maintaining physical distance
- washing/sanitizing their hands frequently.

Lastly, the Porter County Health Department has been an outstanding partner throughout this entire process, and we will continue to keep you informed as we navigate through this COVID-19 environment.

Superintendent

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