



# UNIVERSAL FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

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## Covid Dashboard Community Letter

September 9, 2021

Dear Universal Family of Schools Community,

I want to thank all of our families, community members, and educators for your support in making the first weeks of school safe, productive, and positive for our scholars. As we look ahead, planning and safety remain at the forefront. The safety of our scholars, teachers, staff, and the greater Universal community continues to be of the utmost importance in all our decision-making processes.

As the weeks progress and positive COVID-19 cases present in our schools, Universal Family of Schools will notify any staff member or scholar & family who has come into close contact with someone known to have COVID-19. In those circumstances, Universal will provide direct guidance on quarantining, COVID testing, and when to return to school/work.

To maintain full transparency regarding the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, Universal has added a live COVID-19 Dashboard to keep our community informed weekly of these in-school COVID-19 positive cases. The Dashboard is available at <https://tinyurl.com/478ebcc6> and will be located on our website as well.

Any scholar or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 and has been in a Universal School during the contagious period will be required to quarantine per the CDC and Philadelphia Department of Public Health. Scholars and staff members who test positive will also be required to present a negative COVID test result upon re-entry to school or work.

Universal Family of Schools asks all community members (scholars, employees, & family members) to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 daily and monitor for possible exposure. These symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, abnormal sense of taste and smell, sore throat, muscle pain, headache, congestion, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. If you or your child develops any of these symptoms, stay home, and contact your physician.

Universal is committed to protecting the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. Thank you for being a part of our Universal Family. Your continued collaboration and partnership are an invaluable part of why Universal Schools is a unique place for students to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Penny Nixon, Ed.D  
Superintendent/CEO