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UICS Families,

As the roads are clearer and temperatures are now back in the double-digits, we are happy to welcome you back to UICS. Today, one of our UICS-North Center classroom teachers tested positive for COVID-19. **Based on contact tracing and the quarantine periods, UICS-North Center will be closed for quarantining on Thursday, February 18. The center will continue to be closed for its scheduled professional development day on Friday, February 19. Classes will resume at UICS-North Center on Monday, February 22. All staff that were in direct contact with the individual have already been notified.**

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Kansas City Health Department, exposure is considered "someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection). This brings the total number of positive cases to a combined 15 for UICS' three-school organization since May 2020.

The Clay County (MO) Health Department has created a formal interest form for the COVID-19 vaccine, for anyone who lives or works in the county, to register for further notifications. It can be found here: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/210138520201032>.

The Jackson County (MO) Health Department, MO is asking residents - and people who work in the county - who want to get the free Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to complete a survey and sign up online. To register and learn more, visit this link: <https://form.jotform.com/203524953651153>.

If you, or someone else in your family, tests positive and needs to quarantine, please contact your supervisor and Brittany Stewart, UICS Director of Human Resources. **Please also continue to honor the area's mask requirement to protect all Kansas Citians, especially yourself and your family.**

If you are in need of masks for at-home use, contact your Family Advocate. New cloth, child-sized masks will be available at our next food/essentials distribution on Thursday, February 18, along with adult-sized disposable masks upon request. [Visit our UICS COVID webpage for free testing locations.](#)

My best,

Deidre Anderson, CEO
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