

Clinic News

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Happy Spring and New Year! I think everyone is pleased to leave behind 2020 and to have a new year to look forward to with the hopes of a post pandemic return to normalcy.

Most of the communication about our policies and procedures regarding COVID-19 is coming out of our central office administrators and from our building principals. This communication method ensures that all UA families are receiving the same information. Please keep checking and reading the messages from the superintendent and principal to get the latest information regarding any procedures in coping with COVID-19.

The business of middle school health continues despite a worldwide pandemic. So what is coming up? If you are a parent of a 6th grader, it is time to make your child's healthcare provider appointment for the new year. Students entering 7th grade in August 2021 are required to get the meningococcal vaccine and the T-dap booster vaccine before school starts. Once your child has received these vaccines, simply send a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse at jmead@uaschools.org. Spring break is a great time to schedule your child's doctor appointment for these vaccines.

COVID-19 notifications

If your student has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, please notify COVID Nurse Coordinator Gina Rancitelli, RN, BSN, LSN - at grrancitelli@uaschools.org or 614-487-5035. These last few months our coordinator has been inundated with contact tracing of positive cases and suspected cases. You may not hear from Gina immediately. If you feel your child is able to return to school and you have not been cleared from the COVID coordinator, please reach out to me. What we want to avoid is a student back in class before the isolation or quarantine period is complete.

Thank you for your help in keeping our schools safe!

COVID-19 symptom checks

Symptom checks are a crucial part of keeping our school communities - and our entire community - safe and healthy amid the pandemic. Please take time each day to assess your student for COVID-19 symptoms before you leave for school or the bus stop each day. You can review this [document](#) from public health officials for guidance on when students should stay home from school and when they may return to school.

Health Clinic Website

For newsletter updates and medical forms be sure to check back often at [this link](#).