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Good afternoon Utica High students and families,

This a Special Edition of our daily announcements as we ready for our return to in-person learning tomorrow! While the rest is for our in-person learners, the Monday Moment is for all of you as we continue to focus on our social emotion well-being!

We are excited to have our students back. Tomorrow is the day! Our Orange Cohort (A-K) will be in on Tuesday and Wednesday and for our Black Cohort (L-Z) will come in on Thursday and Friday. I've sent a lot home over the past few weeks, so I'm sending less in this one. There is a lot to think about tomorrow, but at the core are a few big things that need to become habits so we can focus on learning and not worry about safety. Again let's revisit our big three:

1. Self-screening at home
2. Masking is mandatory. It must cover our nose and mouth and be tight to the face.
3. Not-congregating. We are going to maximize space to the best of our ability! That also means that lockers are off limits and bathrooms are limited to a small number of students at a time.

In short, we need everyone to use what I'm referring to as COVID common sense. We cannot put one another into great risk. We have a shared responsibility to make sure that we're all doing what we can to create a safe space to learn! I'm confident we will do a great job!

In order to focus on learning we need to be prepared. Make sure those computers are with you, are charged, and that you have your power cable and your headphones to assist with learning during remote learning/practice time in classes.

Next, know where to enter the building. Door 5 is for parent drop-off, door 9 for bus riders, and doors 11 and 1 for our drivers. With the exception of bus riders, doors will not open until 7am. After school, students are required to leave by 2:30 pm. The map of these entrances is online, under How Do I and UHS return to school documents.

I'll continue updating information on the UHS website under How Do I and the UHS Return to School Documents. Please go there for the calendar, next week's schedule and much more. That is your first-stop for information.

Finally, I'll leave you with my [video announcement](#) I did to help students get a perspective for our return to school and finding their way around the U!

I hope you're all finding ways to give back to your communities as we honor Dr. King today. I look forward to the days when we can do that here at UHS in person again!

Have a great afternoon! We look forward to seeing the Orange Cohort tomorrow!

Tom Lietz  
Principal



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***Empowering students to reach their full potential as members of a global community.***

**Utica High School Mission Statement:**

***The mission of Utica High School is to develop successful learners with the support of our community of educators, students, and parents. Our diverse student body will have an equitable, rigorous, and comprehensive education in a safe and supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning. We aim to cultivate individual learners with active and creative minds, and a sense of understanding and compassion for others.***

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