



Southern Lehigh School District

Community COVID-19 Communication

Dear Parents/Guardians or Staff Member:

I am writing to communicate that the Southern Lehigh School District was notified of the following positive or probable positive case(s) of COVID-19.

School Building Information	Physically Present During DOH Defined Infectious Period (Y / N)
Hopewell Elementary School	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student who was last physically present on 9/1/21 	Y
Liberty Bell Elementary School	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A staff member who was last physically present on 09/02/21 A student who was last physically present on 9/2/21 	Y Y
Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A staff member who was last physically present on 09/02/21 	Y
The asterisk (*) denotes students who reside in the same household.	

The SLSD continues to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) in all matters related to COVID-19. Any students or staff who have been deemed a “close contact” ([PA DOH Definition - PAHAN 533](#)) by the PADOH will receive an additional correspondence from **BOTH** the **SLSD** and the **PADOH** with further guidance on what to do next. Under these guidelines, students and staff who are deemed a “close contact” of persons with COVID-19 will follow the guidance in the [SLSD Isolation / Quarantine Close Contact Information](#).

Please note that the PADOH has established the following [COVID-19 School Closures Metrics](#) for the 2021 - 2022 school year. These school closure metrics are tied to the population of students and staff in each respective school building and the number of cases of COVID-19 in a school building during a 14 day period of time.

Staff and students **MUST** continue to complete the [Daily Health Screener](#) and stay home when sick. Further, staff and students **MUST** notify the SLSD Nursing Team immediately if they are experiencing [symptoms related to COVID-19](#) or are a confirmed case of COVID-19. All SLSD students and staff must continue to closely monitor themselves for any sign of illness related to COVID-19 and seek medical guidance as needed. If you have any questions about COVID-19 or the related symptoms, please call the PA Department of Health at 1-877-PA-Health, Lehigh County representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 610-821-6770, or schedule a virtual visit at [St. Luke's](#) (1-866-STLUKES, option 7) or [LVHN](#), (888-402-LVHN).

Thank you in advance for your diligence in helping the SLSD mitigate COVID-19 in our community. We appreciate your support and the District will continue to work in partnership with the PA DOH throughout the ongoing pandemic. As always, please feel free to contact me via email at ruhft@slsd.org with questions.

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