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Dear Parents/Guardians or Staff Member:

I am writing to communicate that the Southern Lehigh School District was notified of a positive case of COVID-19 at Liberty Bell Elementary School. The student was last in attendance on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. The Southern Lehigh School District continues to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in all matters related to COVID-19. Under the updated [PDE / DOH Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#), **NO INDIVIDUALS have been deemed a “close contact”** ([PA Department of Health Definition](#)) **and this case will not count toward Liberty Bell’s rolling 14-day case count since the last date of physical attendance falls outside of the individual’s infectious period.** The Southern Lehigh School District will continue to follow the procedures outlined in the [District Health and Safety Plan](#) and specifically the [Exclusion From and Return to School Document](#). **In-person instruction under the Hybrid Model WILL CONTINUE at Liberty Bell Elementary School at this time.** However, future COVID-19 cases **MAY REQUIRE** the district to shift to a remote model at Liberty Bell Elementary School.

The Southern Lehigh School District continues to encourage all parents/guardians and staff to complete the [Daily Health Screener](#) including an at home temperature check. All members of the Southern Lehigh School District community should follow the procedures outlined on the Daily Health Screener in the event that symptoms related to COVID-19 are present. Southern Lehigh School District students and staff must continue to closely monitor themselves for any sign of illness related to COVID-19 and seek medical guidance as needed. The Pennsylvania Department of Health provides the following guidance specific to the symptoms of [COVID-19](#).

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 Southern Lehigh School District mitigate COVID-19 in our community. We appreciate your support and the District will continue to work in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health throughout the ongoing pandemic. As always, please feel free to contact me via email at ruhft@sld.org with questions.

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