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To: Southern Lehigh School Community
From: Michael Mahon, Superintendent
Re: Back to School COVID Protocols Summary
Date: August 22, 2022

Southern Lehigh School District welcomes students back for the first day of school on Monday, August 29, 2022. The following procedures are in place regarding COVID and other communicable diseases in accord with the district's [Immunization and Communicable Disease Policy](#), its [Health and Safety Plan](#), and recently [updated guidance from the Center for Disease Control](#):

1. Mask wearing is optional. All staff and students will be respected for whatever choice they make. Masks are available at all schools for those who need them.
2. Students and staff will not be excluded from school (quarantine) when exposed to a positive case.
3. Students and staff with a COVID infection are strongly recommended for their own wellness and the wellness of others to stay home from school for at least 5 days and until feeling better. Comprehensive guidance for those with a COVID infection can be found at [the CDC's website](#).
4. Students, parents, and staff are asked to report COVID cases to the school nurse or your supervisor. Pennsylvania public school districts are no longer required to report positive cases to the Department of Health.

Southern Lehigh will continue to monitor developments regarding COVID and report updated information to the district community.

Thank You!