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SOUTHERN LEHIGH

Dear Parents/Guardians or Staff Member:

Following the most recent reported case of COVID-19 at Southern Lehigh Middle School, the District completed the required consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The DOH maintained that a three day closure (3/19, 3/20, & 3/21) of SLMS remains sufficient to complete internal communications, contact tracing, and cleaning/disinfection. **The DOH reaffirmed that SLMS can reopen for in-person instruction on Monday March 22nd** at which time the COVID-19 case counts in the Rolling 14 Day Period will reset to zero.

Students and staff **MUST** continue to complete the [Daily Health Screener](#) and stay home when sick or while awaiting COVID-19 test results. 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. 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@slsd.org with questions.

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