

Dear Parents/Guardians or Staff Member:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has notified the Southern Lehigh School District that as a result of the number of cases of COVID-19 within the Rolling 14 Day Period at Southern Lehigh High School, we will be required to close the school building for in-person instruction, co-curricular activities, and athletic activities starting with after school programing on **Friday, March 26th through Monday, March 29th**. The DOH requires this targeted closure to ensure that the necessary case investigation, contact tracing, and quarantine communications are complete. All students will receive a communication from Mrs. Guarriello outlining the instructional schedule for Monday, March 29th.

We will reopen Southern Lehigh High School for in-person Instruction on Tuesday March 30th at which time the COVID-19 case counts in the Rolling 14 Day Period at SLHS will reset to zero.

Students and staff **MUST** continue to complete the <u>Daily Health Screener</u> 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 <u>COVID-19</u>.

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 <u>St. Luke's</u> (1-866-STLUKES, option 7) or <u>LVHN</u>, (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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