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SOUTHERN LEHIGH

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 Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School that the school building will be required to close for in-person instruction for three days. Since no students were physically present at JPLIS on Friday, March 26th, the PADOH has stated that the closure can retroactively begin on **Friday, March 26th and run through Sunday, March 28th**. The DOH requires this targeted closure to ensure that the necessary case investigation, contact tracing, and quarantine communications are complete.

Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School will reopen for in-person instruction on Monday, March 29th at which time the COVID-19 case counts in the Rolling 14 Day Period at JPLIS 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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