



November 8, 2020

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

We appreciate the ways that the Southern Lehigh School District community continues to support the collective mitigation efforts (face coverings, social distancing, increased hand hygiene, and the avoidance of large gatherings) necessary to maintain in-person schooling. Listed below are some specific reminders that the SLSD wanted to communicate as in-person school continues;

- **COVID-19 Testing** - Any Southern Lehigh household where an individual is being tested for COVID-19 **MUST** notify their SLSD School Nurse for additional guidance. SLSD nurses will provide individual guidance specific to the exclusion from and return to school guidelines. Additional information about expedited COVID-19 testing at [SLUHN](#) or [LVHN](#) can be found via those links.
- **Daily Health Screener** – Each morning, prior to leaving home, all students and staff are required to complete the Daily Health Screener with an at home temperature check. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms **MUST** contact their School Nurse for additional guidance and should **NOT** report to school/work.
- **Exclusion From and Return to School Guidelines** - This document provides additional information about the guidelines that the SLSD is using to determine which scenarios require an exclusion from school and the criteria that will need to be met in order to return to school following a period of quarantine or isolation. SLSD School Nurses can provide guidance specific to each of these scenarios.
- **Face Coverings** – Students and staff are required to wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose, unless a student with disabilities whose IEP or 504 teams have granted an exception.
- **Social Distancing** - All SLSD students and staff **MUST** continue to maintain **AT LEAST 6 ft.** of social distancing throughout the school day. Please periodically remind your student(s) that they should remain socially distant.
- **Request for Support** - This resource, designed by the SLSD School Counselors, is meant to ensure that our counseling teams can support families in our community who have been negatively impacted by the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **Student Technology Assistance** - The SLSD Technology Department continues to utilize a digital helpdesk system that is open to all students who need tech support.

Thank you to all of the students and staff who continue to meet the challenges related to this school year.

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