

# SPARTANS

## SOUTHERN LEHIGH

Dear Parents/Guardians or Staff Member:

I am writing to communicate that the Southern Lehigh School District was notified of the following positive cases of COVID-19.

- **Hopewell Elementary School** - A student that was last physically present on 12/3/20.
- **Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School** - A student that was last physically present on 12/3/20.
- **Southern Lehigh Middle School** - A student that was last physically present on 12/3/20.

The Southern Lehigh School District continues to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in all matters related to COVID-19 and all students or staff who have been deemed a “close contact” ([PA Department of Health Definition](#)) will receive an additional correspondence from **BOTH** the **Southern Lehigh School District** and the **Pennsylvania Department of Health** with further guidance on what to do next. The Southern Lehigh School District will continue to follow the procedures outlined in the [District Health and Safety Plan](#) and specifically the [Exclusion From and Return to School Document](#). Under these guidelines, all students and staff constituting as a “close contact” will be required to quarantine for at least 14 days from the last date of “contact.” **In-person instruction under the Hybrid Model WILL CONTINUE at Hopewell, JPLIS, and SLMS.** Under the updated PDE [Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#) each of these cases will be added to each school buildings Rolling 14-Day Case Count and future COVID-19 cases **MAY REQUIRE** the district to shift to a remote model.

Staff and students **MUST** continue to complete the [Daily Health Screener](#) and stay home when sick. 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@sbsd.org](mailto:ruhft@sbsd.org) with questions.

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