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Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan Updates

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Health and Safety Plan Update Summary

- The following updates are being recommended to the Southern Lehigh School District Health and Safety Plan.
 - Shift to Fully Remote Learning Conditions
 - Exclusion From and Return To School Requirements
 - PDE Emergency Instruction Time Template Section 520.1
- Athletic Health and Safety Plan Review / Revision

Shift to Fully Remote Learning Conditions

- As a result of Board discussion at the 7/20 meeting, the following examples were discussed by both the SLSD Pandemic Planning Team and Administrative Team.
- The purpose of these examples is to provide greater clarification specific to specific situation(s) that may arise that would result in an instructional shift at a single school building or within the entire SLSD to a Fully Remote Learning Model.

Shift to Fully Remote Learning Conditions Examples

Example Situations

- An inability to completely staff school buildings and or the entire school district at a safe level.
- The existence of a substantial risk to the health and safety of the school community.
- A significant number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the student and or staff population in either a single school building or the entire school district.
- Updated recommendation(s) from the PA DOH, PDE, or the Governor of Pennsylvania.
- If the benefits of in-person instruction are outweighed by the impact of state-mandated health and safety guidelines.

Exclusion From and Return To School Requirements

- Districts have waited for more detailed Public Health Guidance from the PA DOH specific to Exclusion From and Return to School Requirements.
- In the absence of more refined PA DOH Guidance, the Southern Lehigh School District has worked with health and safety professionals from the St. Luke's University Health Network in coordination with the SLSD Nursing Team to vet the following Exclusion From and Return to School Requirements.
- These will serve as the Exclusion From and Return to School Requirements for both students and staff.

Exclusion From and Return To School Requirements

SCENARIO	EXCLUDE FROM SCHOOL / WORK	RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER
#1 - No Symptoms	No	Not applicable
#2 - COVID-19 Symptoms as per SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Individuals should be tested for COVID-19 - Results provided to the school nurse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Individuals are excluded from school until the results of their test are known. Results should be provided to the school nurse. → If the test is negative, return to school when the individual is asymptomatic and fever free for 48 hours. → If test is positive, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. → If an individual is not tested and they are not a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Return to school when fever free (without fever reducing medication) and symptom free for 3 days.
#3 - Positive COVID-19 PCR test <u>with</u> symptoms as per the SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Results provided to the school nurse.</p> <p>Patients with mild to moderate illness who are not severely immunocompromised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and → At least 48 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and → Symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath ...) have significantly improved <p>Patients with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Medical note provided to the school nurse specific to return to school. → At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and → At least 48 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and → Symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath ...) have significantly improved
#4 - Positive COVID-19 PCR test <u>without</u> symptoms as per the SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Results provided to the school nurse.</p> <p>For patients who are not severely immunocompromised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral diagnostic test. → If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. <p>For patients who are severely immunocompromised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 20 days have passed since the date of their first positive virtual diagnostic test.
#5 - Close contact of COVID-19 <u>with</u> symptoms as per SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Individuals should be tested for COVID-19 - Results should be provided to the school nurse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If the test result is negative, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID and symptoms have resolved. → If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. → If the patient is not tested, they are considered a probable case and should remain excluded from school until 10 days after symptoms appeared.
#6 - Close contact of COVID-19 <u>without</u> symptoms as per the SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If symptoms develop during 14 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #5.

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EXCLUSION FROM AND RETURN TO SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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** The Pennsylvania DOH defines a close contact as either being within 6 ft of a COVID-19 case for 15 or more minutes or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case.

PDE 520.1 Submission

- On July 20, the Board voted to approve a Resolution which declared the existence of an emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and directed the Administration to submit the Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 520.1 of the PA School Code.
- This Emergency Declaration includes the following requirements and the 520.1 Form is to be attached to the District Health and Safety Plan.
 - Board meeting minutes demonstrating approval of the temporary provisions (7/20/20)
 - The temporary provisions adopted, including the school entity's proposed calendar and academic schedule. (8/10/20)

Athletic Health and Safety Plan Timeline

- June 3** → PDE issues Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools, includes basic protocols for sporting activities consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports.
- June 5** → PDE shares the Health and Safety Plan Template, includes basic requirements including protocols for sporting activities consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports.
- June 22** → Athletic Health and Safety Plan created by SLSD Athletic Department in coordination with St. Luke's University Health Network staff, approved by SLSD Board of School Directors.
- June 29** → Southern Lehigh School District begins Re-Socialization of Sports training with support of the St. Luke's University Health Network Athletic Training Staff.
- July 29** → PIAA provides an update specific to three options for 2020 Athletic Season Schedules and releases the Return to Competition: Individual Sport Considerations.

Athletic Health and Safety Plan Timeline

- August 5** → The Colonial League Holds General Membership Meeting and a Resolution Vote specific to making a change to the existing scheduling format. That the final vote was 8 to 5 in favor of maintaining the existing schedule that was established in December of 2019.
- August 6** → Governor Wolf provides guidance for All Sports Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency. The Governor strongly recommended that all Pre-K to 12 school sports be postponed until at least January 1, 2021.
- August 7** → The PIAA Board met following the Governor's recommendation and placed a two week moratorium on the start of the 2020 Athletic Season with a future PIAA Board Meeting scheduled for August 21st. Additional guidance will come from the 8/21 meeting.
- August 10** → The SLSD Athletic Department and Pandemic Planning Team present an updated Athletic Health and Safety Plan for school Board discussion and approval.

Athletic Health and Safety Plan Update

- The current Athletic Health and Safety Plan was completed in June. A discussion with St. Luke's suggested a comprehensive review of the Athletic Health and Safety Plan using updated guidance from CDC, PA DOH, and St. Luke's between June 2020 and today. Additional review of this document by health care professionals at St. Luke's is ongoing.
- The updated Athletic Health and Safety Plan incorporates components of the current Board Approved Athletic Health and Safety Plan, the SLSD Health and Safety Plan, updated PIAA Guidance, and guidance from medical professionals at St. Luke's University Health Network.

What Is Next

- The Both the SLSD Health and Safety Plan and the Athletic Health and Safety Plan will continue to be updated to meet the ever changing science, public health conditions, and Commonwealth orders/guidance surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.
- All K-12 Building Schedules will continue to be finalized and be updated.
- Continue to share content to students, staff, and the community about best practices in hygiene, social distancing, while providing timely community updates.