



February 26, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

From the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Lehigh School District has worked to balance the academic, social, emotional, health, and safety needs of our staff and students. On March 1st, the District will return additional students for in-person learning 4-days per week. This change represents an increase in students attending in-person instruction each day and we must continue to recognize that with this update our students and staff will experience a significant change to their daily routine. As a result, I must again ask our school community to be flexible and allow the time necessary to establish routines during this transition. Teaching during a pandemic is altogether different and the staff of the Southern Lehigh School District take great pride in the responsibility that comes with their profession. Further, we recognize that not all families are comfortable returning for in-person instruction which is why the District will continue to provide a remote learning option. Listed below are updates and reminders.

- **LVHN Grief and Loss Presentation** - On Wednesday, the SLSD partnered with the LVHN Department of School Health to host a virtual event titled *Managing Grief for Death and Other Losses*. A digital recording of this meaningful presentation can be found via the following [link](#).
- **Daily Health Screener** – Each morning, prior to leaving home, **ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS** are **REQUIRED** to complete the Daily Health Screener. **ANY** students or staff experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 **MUST REMAIN HOME** and contact their School Nurse.
- **COVID-19 Testing** - Any Southern Lehigh household where an individual is being tested for COVID-19 **MUST** notify their SLSD School Nurse. Students or staff awaiting COVID-19 test results **SHOULD NOT** physically report to school while they await results. The SLSD nurses will provide individual guidance specific to the [Exclusion From and Return to School Guidelines](#). As a reminder, both [SLUHN](#) and [LVHN](#) offer expedited COVID-19 testing services.
- **Request for Support** - The SLSD School Counselors designed this resource to ensure that our School Counseling teams can support families in our community who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please do not hesitate to use this resource as a way to connect with your students School Counselor should you need additional assistance.
- **Student Technology Assistance** - All students needing technology assistance can utilize the SLSD digital helpdesk to seek support on all technology related issues or concerns.

February is Career and Technical Education Month and the Southern Lehigh School District could not be more proud of the over 100 students who participate in a wide array of programming at Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. From Welding, to Computer and Networking Technology, to HVAC, and the Emerging Health Professionals Program, Southern Lehigh students are able to engage in a significant range of resource rich, project based, and hands on programs that provide meaningful exposure to our students. Growing participation at LCTI continues to be a goal at Southern Lehigh and families interested in learning more about LCTI should reach out to their School Counselors for more information.



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Continuing to slow the spread of COVID-19 requires that we continue to maintain a comprehensive community effort. Wearing a mask, remaining socially distant, increasing hand hygiene, and the avoidance of gatherings are all keys to ensuring that our schools remain open for in-person learning. Further, all Southern Lehigh students and staff **MUST stay home when sick** and notify the Southern Lehigh School District Nursing team immediately if they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 or are a confirmed case of COVID-19. We must continue to recognize that each and every one of us holds a personal responsibility in the maintenance of in-person learning.

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