



SLSD Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Please accept this communication as a reminder that the Southern Lehigh School District will be open tomorrow, Monday, January 4. Throughout the break, the District continued to monitor and track cases of COVID-19 amongst the student and employee populations. These cases were reported to the PA DOH and communicated to the school community through the district's established procedures. Listed below are some **IMPORTANT REMINDERS** for all Spartans as we return from break.

- [Daily Health Screener](#) – Each morning, prior to leaving home, **ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS** are **REQUIRED** to complete the Daily Health Screener with an at home temperature check. Any students or staff experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 **MUST REMAIN HOME** and **MUST** contact their School Nurse for additional guidance.
- [SLSD Winter Break Travel Requirements](#) - **ANY STAFF OR STUDENTS** that traveled outside of the Commonwealth during winter break **MUST** follow the testing or quarantine procedure.
- **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 for K-12 students and staff. However, with the demand for testing continuing to increase across the region, the timeline related to results may be extended.

The Southern Lehigh School District appreciates the continued support. The entire community must continue to follow the established procedures outlined in the [SLSD Exclusion From and Return to School Criteria](#) which delineate when students and employees should remain home following exposure to COVID-19. These protocols are designed to help maintain safe and healthy environments, help manage cases of COVID-19 when they occur, and avoid school building closures.

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