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Dear SLSD Families:

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This SLSD Health Update is a summary of all current COVID-19 cases which have been reported to SLSD and Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH).

Crosby Elementary: 2 students and 1 staff member
Harrison Elementary: 1 student
Miami town Elementary: 2 students
Whitewater Valley Elementary: 1 staff member
Harrison Junior School: 2 students
Harrison High School: 3 students and 1 staff member

Due to federal privacy laws, we are not permitted to provide the names of the individuals who tested positive, or the names of those students or staff who may need to quarantine.

Here are the steps we need you to take to protect our school community:

- Please monitor your student for symptoms of COVID-19, which may include cough, shortness of breath, new smell disorder, or new taste disorder. Other symptoms include fever (measured or subjective), shivering with chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose.
- If your child develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please keep your child at home and consult with your physician regarding next steps.

It is imperative that we all remain vigilant in monitoring for symptoms and continue to practice good hand-hygiene and wear masks, ensuring that masks cover both the mouth and nose. It is also important that all families / staff conduct daily health checks PRIOR to leaving for school. **If you are sick or exhibiting any of the aforementioned symptoms, please stay home.** If a household member is being tested, siblings should stay home until the test result comes back, in an effort to err on the side of caution and help to further reduce possible spread. ***It is important to note that the COVID precautions need to be practiced during activities held away from school, just as they are in school – this includes social gatherings, youth groups, youth sports, traveling, etc.*** [THIS GRAPHIC](#) speaks to the ways the virus can be spread at events such as these, when COVID precautions are not followed, leading to others being affected.

We will continue to follow the updated guidance from Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health, indicating that a quarantine is no longer necessary following exposure in a classroom setting when masks were worn and safety protocols followed. (The updated quarantine guidance does not apply to after-school activities, including sports.) We will also continue to utilize the [WEEKLY DATA UPDATE](#) to communicate our district COVID data (cases / quarantines).

John C. Hamstra, Superintendent, Southwest Local Schools

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Motto: “Excellence through Relationships!”

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