



# SOUTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear SLSD Families:

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This communication is to let you know that we have been working on multiple Health Alert situations with Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) at Harrison Elementary, Harrison Junior School and Harrison High School. We were notified this morning, 9/18/20, at approximately 9:30AM that a student at Harrison High School tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. At approximately 10:30AM, we were notified that a student at Harrison Junior School tested positive. At approximately 11:00AM, we were notified that multiple students at Harrison Elementary tested positive. Needless to say, we had a busy morning!

We immediately began our protocol processes of contact tracing with HCPH and are following up with all safety and sanitization recommendations. "Close contacts" (those people within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes, within a 48-hour time frame of symptom display) have been notified by our Administrative Team. All families have been notified if your student was a close contact.

As a reminder, it is imperative that we all remain vigilant in monitoring for symptoms and continue to practice good hand-hygiene and mask up, 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 following symptoms, please stay home!

**Any ONE of these symptoms:** Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing

**Any TWO of the following symptoms:** Fever (100.4 or above), chills with shaking, body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

See the attached letters of notification from HCPH for the incidents at [HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL](#), [HARRISON JUNIOR SCHOOL](#), and [HARRISON ELEMENTARY](#). We will also use this [FLOW CHART](#) to assist with decision-making regarding the timeline to return to school, as well as the [WEEKLY DATA UPDATE](#) to communicate our district COVID data (cases / quarantines).

Lastly – it's important we both sympathize and empathize with those that are ill, quarantined or isolated for precautionary reasons.

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