



# 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 a Health Alert situation with Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) at Harrison Junior School. We were notified this morning, 10/03/20, at approximately 10:30AM that a student at Harrison Junior School tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Due to federal privacy laws, we are not permitted to provide the name of the student who tested positive, or the names of those students or staff who may need to quarantine.

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. The process of tracking down close contacts has taken longer than usual with it being a weekend.

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! 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.

**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.

We will 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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**Motto:** "Excellence through Relationships!"

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