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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 Crosby Elementary School. We were notified this morning, 10/13/20, at approximately 8:30 AM that a student at Crosby Elementary tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This student was already under quarantine due to being a close contact in a case unrelated to school, therefore, there were no other close contacts at Crosby. Currently, district-wide, we have two elementary students, two junior school students, and four high school students who are positive cases. There are no staff members positive at this time. Due to federal privacy laws, we are not permitted to provide the name of the student who tested positive.

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.

As a reminder, 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.

See the attached letter of notification from HCPH for the incidents at [CROSBY 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 is important we both sympathize and empathize with those that are ill, quarantined, or isolated for precautionary reasons.

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