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Dear SLSD Families:

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This SLSD Health Update is a summary of all COVID-19 cases being reported to SLSD and Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) during the winter break period to date.

From December 20-30, 2020, we were notified of the following positive tests:

Crosby Elementary: 2 students

Harrison Elementary: 1 third-party service provider

Miamitown Elementary: 1 student and 1 staff member

Whitewater Valley Elementary: None

Harrison Junior School: Two students

Harrison High School: Two staff members

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 the CDC regarding [QUARANTINE LENGTH](#) following possible exposure.

John C. Hamstra, Superintendent, Southwest Local Schools

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