

# Southmoreland School District

Mr. Vincent Mascia, Superintendent

April 20, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of all Middle School Students:

This morning, on April 20, our Middle School was notified of an additional positive case of COVID 19 that impacts the **ENTIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL**. The school followed its School Reopening Plan, contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and followed its guidance.

To be safe, we are sending this information to the families of **ALL middle school students** whom we believe could be impacted so that they are aware of this concern and can expect contact from the Department of Health regarding future steps, if needed.

**Your student may return to campus on April 26. The building will be closed during this time. All middle school events and activities will resume on Monday, 04/26.**

**However, please note that some students will be quarantined through April 29, and parents of these students will be notified by a separate robocall.**

Students who are participating in the PSSA tests this week will be permitted to take those tests upon return to school. Additional information will be forthcoming for the PSSA testing schedule. School work will continue to be uploaded to Google Classrooms. Please remind your student to complete the Daily Attendance form posted in the Attendance Google Classroom. Synchronous Instruction will be provided on Thursday and Friday, 04/22 and 04/23. Wednesday, 04/21, will be a day of asynchronous instruction as this was a previously scheduled Flexible Instructional Day.

Exposure is defined as an individual who was within 6 feet of an infectious person for at least 15 minutes or who was directly exposed to respiratory secretions [e.g., cough or sneeze]. Families will be contacted by a representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Health or your local health department who will provide further information and instructions.

The Southmoreland School District will continue to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Health when it has a positive case of COVID-19 and will notify those who need to know about potential exposure while protecting the privacy of individuals, as outlined in the School Reopening Plan. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Pallygus at 724-887-2023.

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The most important things you can do:

**Make sure your child is wearing a face covering.**

**Make sure your child's face covering fits comfortably over the nose and mouth.**

**Make sure your child is washing their hands.**

**Keep your child home if they are sick.**

**Call your primary care provider if you or your child has symptoms of COVID-19.**

If you have questions about COVID-19, please feel free to call the Pennsylvania Department of Health at: 1-877-724-3258.

By following our safety reopening plan, we are able to continue to provide an in-person education.

Respectfully,

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