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TO: PENNCREST School Community
FROM: Dr. Timothy S, Glasspool
DATE: September 29, 2020

RE: Public Announcement - Saegertown Elementary School Probable Case of COVID-19

Today, the District was informed by the PA Department of Health (DoH) that a student from Saegertown Elementary School developed COVID-19 symptoms while quarantining from a probable exposure. The student's last day of attendance was Monday, September 21, 2020 until 10:15am (early dismissal).

We are working with the PA DoH, and will continue to share information with the school community in a transparent manner that does not violate the student and family's privacy. **The District has identified 13 possible students and zero (0) staff members who may have been in direct contact with the student on September 21, 2020.** This information was shared with the PA DoH who will contact affected families. Prior to the release of this announcement, the District contacted these families.

The PA Department of Health will follow the established contact tracing protocols for all close contacts. A close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset. The PA DoH contact tracing team will communicate with all individuals deemed as close contacts. We strongly recommend all individuals who are identified as a close contact to adhere to their recommendations and guidance. Please contact the school principal, if you believe you or a child in your care was exposed and not notified by the PA DoH. [Symptoms of Covid-19](#) may include fever or chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, or new loss of taste or smell. We strongly recommend that parents contact health care professionals if demonstrating any of the signs or symptoms outlined above.

At this time and in this circumstance, a school closure is not necessary. We encourage all Saegertown families to monitor students for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Students that are sick, ill or unwell, must stay home from school. Students who stay home should participate in the Limited Virtual Hybrid learning option and log into Google Classroom from home.

**The district's response to future COVID-19 positive tests or active cases will differ based on information, potential spread, and direction from the PA DoH.*