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Selinsgrove Area School District Community:

The Selinsgrove Area School District would like to report a productive and positive week to start 2021. Here are a few concepts to emphasize, which play a pivotal role for us to continue to offer in-person instruction and minimize the potential for exposure and connected quarantining:

Important Concepts to Continue In-Person Activities:

- ✓ If students have symptoms, keep them home and contact our nurse's offices if you are in need of further guidance. (Our Pandemic Response Page also helps lead families to additional information.)
- ✓ If a parent/guardian (household member) is having symptoms and/or getting tested, we are asking you to keep your students home until you have verification that they haven't been exposed to COVID-19. We ask this because this has been the greatest statistical reason for contact tracing and associated quarantining within the district this school year.

*The PA DOH requires contact tracing for the 48 hours prior to symptom onset. This scenario comes into play when a household member has symptoms, students come to school while the household member's test results are pending, but stop coming to school when symptoms start or they find out a household member is positive for COVID-19. The catch is that if that student develops symptoms within 48 hours of being at school in-person, contact tracing then needs to occur in accordance with PA DOH contact tracing/quarantining expectations. Families are doing a wonderful job keeping their children with symptoms home, but this next layer of action will lead to fewer positive cases, fewer quarantining situations, and fewer temporary closures throughout the school district.

- ✓ We are required to continue to follow Pennsylvania State Orders which are affiliated with school district operations, if we are to stay open for in-person learning and extra-curriculars.

Please view the above commentary as a suggestion based upon our district data. Having this awareness and responding as suggested will enable us to continue to offer as much in-person opportunity for students as possible, while increasing safety. Both of which are desired goals of ours as a community. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank R. Jankowski