

**Swenson Arts & Technology High School**

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September 20, 2021

Dear Swenson Parent/Guardian,

We consider the health and safety of our students and staff to be of extreme importance and are working closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This letter is to inform you that today, September 20, 2021, we were informed that a student or staff member at Swenson Arts & Technology High School tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member or student was last in our building or office on September 15, 2021. In accordance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA), the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other state privacy laws, we cannot share any additional information about the person. However, please know that the individual is self-isolating and will not return until all CDC guidelines are met.

**IF** your child is identified as someone who may have been in close contact (defined as being within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes within a 48-hour period with this person), you will be contacted by PDPH and/or Student Health Services with important information concerning the need for your child to quarantine.

As an extra precaution, we encourage you to monitor your child closely for the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 listed in the chart below.

**Symptoms Associated with COVID-19 Illness**

- fever of 100.4 F or greater
- chills
- muscle pain
- headache
- sore throat
- cough
- shortness of breath
- new loss of sense of smell
- new loss of sense of taste

If your child experiences any of the symptoms above, they should be tested for COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, please visit [www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites](http://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites). Should you have

questions or immediate concerns, please call the Philadelphia Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline at 215-685-5488.

Thank you, take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Judy Haughton  
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Swenson Arts & Technology High School*