September 13, 2021

Dear Emlen School students and staff members,

Due to multiple positive cases of COVID-19 in our school, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) has determined that our school building will temporarily close from 9-13-21 to 9-23-21to help stem the spread of the virus. Students and staff may not return to our school building during this time.

Everyone will return back to school on Friday 9-24-21.

If your child shared a classroom with any student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted directly by the PDPH and/or the School District with important information, including the need for your child to quarantine.

If your child did not share a classroom with a student or staff member who tested positive for COVID-19, that means your child does not need to quarantine while at home.

All students, whether quarantining or not,  should participate in remote learning while our school building is temporarily closed. Your child’s teacher will be contacting you with more details.

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.

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| **Symptoms Associated with COVID-19 Illness*** Fever of 100.4 F or greater
* Chills
* Cough
* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
* Fatigue
* Muscle or body aches
* Headache
* New loss of taste or smell
* Sore throat
* Congestion or runny nose
* Nausea or vomiting
* Diarrhea
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If your child experiences any symptoms in the left box or two or more symptoms in the right box, your child should be tested for COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, please visit [www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites](https://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.

Please know that the entire school will be deep cleaned and disinfected before it is reopened for students and staff. We look forward to reopening our school doors on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Thomas- Principal*