

## Southern Regional School District COVID Update

As the rate of COVID+ cases have risen nationally and locally, the Southern Regional School District (District) is also experiencing a rise in the number of cases being reported by campus participants.

The administrative team is strictly adhering to the prescribed reporting and contact tracing protocols recommended by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Each case that the District is informed about is reported to the OCHD which includes a consultation about day-to-day operations of the schools.

The personal protection measures that have been established and implemented by the District have proven effective in preventing intercampus transmissions. Although positive cases are on the rise, the absence of intercampus transmissions informs the District's ability to remain open for in-person instruction.

The District commends staff, students and parents for everyone's open, honest and transparent communication and for practicing prudent attendance (staying home if not feeling well) and encourages all participants to continue to prescribe to these practices.