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All,

I am writing to share a few important items with you. Please accept my apology for the length of this email.

We have established a new support for remote learning titled the [DCRSD Student Help Desk](#). This is an online tech support for students and families 8:30AM – 12:00 PM and then from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday. We are very pleased to introduce Ms. Rachel Lemansky at rlamansky@dcrsd.org who will provide the right support and answer your technological questions to the best of her ability. She is very adept with the ins and outs of our google platform and we are lucky to have her as an available resource for you. You can email Ms. Lemansky directly, but the best means to reach the [help desk](#) is to use this link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTk5MzE4OTM4NzAw?cjc=tyo66pq>

The Dudley-Charlton RSD will continue to primarily use Google Meets and the Google Suite to provide remote learning. With that said, the following are the terms of remote learning experiences by audio and video conferencing this year in the Dudley-Charlton RSD. With your continued participating in this audio and/or video conferencing service as part of the provided remote learning opportunities, students, parents or caregivers consent to such use and acknowledge that the district's Acceptable Use Policy applies to these virtual learning strategies. To be more specific, the following conditions of use of technology this year are in accordance with state and federal laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and are as follows;

- Screenshots, pictures, audio/video recording and distribution of any virtual educational experience is strictly prohibited in order to protect student privacy, proactively prevent potential cyberbullying, prevent the distribution of copyrighted materials and comply with Massachusetts law.
- Parents/caregivers agree to support their student's engagement in virtual educational experiences in a quiet, private area to the extent practicable given the circumstances, in order to minimize background noise and distractions and to protect the integrity of student confidentiality.
- Parents/caregivers and other household members who normally are not privy to day-to-day classroom and group service discussions agree to respect and keep confidential any personal or private information (e.g. disability status) inadvertently discovered about other students due to proximity to audio and video conferencing.

Remember, if a student, parents or caregivers do not agree to these terms, please disconnect from the session and contact the building principal via email to discuss alternatives.

Attached you will find a flyer for the Saturday, November 7, 2020 student Flu clinic sponsored by the Charlton and Dudley Boards of Health.

We placed all of the [self-certification](#) links on our website at <https://www.dcrsd.org/parents/pre-screening-forms-all-schools>. I cannot stress how important this request is to help us continue with in-person learning. Our current hybrid plan provides the right organization and structure to maintain limited transfer of COVID-19 and a high degree of accountability when we learn of a positive COVID-19 case in our schools. The integrity of this plan and work begins with the daily [self-certification](#) of staff and students. In addition, we have a high standard for school attendance this year and the [self-certification](#) ensures your student is attending their studies throughout the week.

Additionally, we need to work together so that we prevent the transmission of positive COVID-19 and continue in-person learning, so here is extremely important information our school nurses want you to know.

- If your student has any of the following symptoms: *fever 100.0°F, chills, new cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle or body aches, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea*, your student (and siblings) **MUST** stay home and the school nurse must be contacted.
- If your student has a headache, congestion/runny nose, or fatigue *in combination* with any other symptoms, your student (and siblings) **MUST** stay home and the school nurse must be contacted.

- If your student is sent home sick for any reason, siblings must also be dismissed and quarantined at home until the ill student is cleared
- MA DPH recommends anyone with symptoms, even mild symptoms, to be tested for COVID-19.

Waiting to Test, Waiting for test results

- Your student cannot attend in-person education or school activities while symptomatic or waiting for test results.

Negative Test

- If your student has a negative test, the results need to be emailed or faxed to the school nurse. Your student is not cleared to return to school until the nurse has the results AND the student has **no fever** for 24 hours without the use of medication AND improvement of symptoms.

Positive Test

- If your student tests positive, please inform the school nurse as soon as possible for contact tracing to take place at school. Your town Board of Health will contact you and we will work closely with the town Board of Health.
- A positive student can return to school after 10 days*, AND the student has **no fever** for 24 hours without use of medication AND improvement of symptoms

*The 10 days is a minimum and determined by the Board of Health based on factors in the household. If additional family members become ill, or cannot isolate, the date of return will change. The DCRSD School Nurses defer to the Board of Health on the date of return.

Close Contact

- If a student is a close contact, they must stay home for 14 days from the last date of exposure. They should test between day 3 and 5 after exposure, but **must** remain home for the duration of the 14-day quarantine.
- If a household member is a close contact, the rest of the family continues normally unless (or until) the close contact family member is symptomatic or is positive COVID-19

Opting not to test

- If a family elects not to test, your student (and siblings) cannot attend for 10 days from the date of symptoms AND your student **must** have no fever for 24 hours without use of medication AND improvement of symptoms

Travel

- If you travel, you must follow the MA DPH travel order and test within 72 hours of return to MA or quarantine for 14 days

I appreciate everything everyone is doing to get past "go" and evolve our efforts for the students in Charlton and Dudley. If we continue to work together, we will get past this and evolve our plan together.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools



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