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All,

I write to share a number of items for your review.

Please make note that tomorrow is an in-service day for Dudley-Charlton RSD educators. Therefore, what has typically been planned for Wednesdays will not be the same tomorrow. We know this comes on the heels of a long weekend, but we greatly appreciate your understanding as we finalize our plans for additional "live" instructional time starting next Monday January 25, 2021.

Next, we learned Friday that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health removed the requirement for flu vaccinations for student attendance to public schools. We appreciate everyone for working with our district and school nurses this year and apologize for the state's about face.

Attached you will find a PFAS Public Notification letter we received today from the Town of Dudley. It is my understanding that this letter is in Dudley Water bills. As a school district, we will provide access to bottled water for in-person learning. The notification identifies "sensitive subgroups" and states that if you are not in a sensitive subgroup, you may continue to consume the water. Our food service provider is aware of this notice and will make the appropriate accommodations for food preparations moving forward. We look forward to the results of the next PFAS reading and will continue to work closely with the Town of Dudley and update you once we learn of any changes or updates. All questions should be directed to the Dudley Water and Sewer Department at 508.949.8007.

Since Friday, January 15, 2021 The Dudley-Charlton RSD has been informed of fifteen new cases connected to our educational community. Four cases required contact tracing and contact tracing is complete. The overwhelming connection continues to be in homes and with family members. During this heightened time, we continue to need your help to keep COVID out of our schools.

We appreciate everyone's effort to monitor and complete the daily [self-certification](#), district [pre-screening form](#) as this action alone improves our ability to keep everyone safe and healthy.

As a reminder, all of the mitigating strategies; mask wearing, washing of hands, and maintaining a safe distance continue to work. Please note that COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms may have:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- The emergence of unexplained
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Congestion or runny nose

Lastly, we must continue to work together and prevent unnecessary spreads of COVID-19 in our communities and in the Dudley-Charlton RSD. We greatly appreciate your open communication with our school nurses and meeting all of the requirements necessary to get through this.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools

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