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To: Dudley-Charlton Regional School District <notifications@dcrsd.org>

All,

I am writing share that I was informed of a new positive COVID-19 case in our educational community. All contact tracing has been completed.

I can't express enough how important it is for families and staff to understand the symptoms of COVID-19 and stay home, contact a doctor, get tested and communicate everything with our school nurse. Consistently, this, time and time again, prevents the spread or transmission in our schools.

I also want to take this opportunity to share the Dudley-Charlton RSD expectations with next week's Thanksgiving Holiday and travel out of state. These expectations are directly connected to the state of Massachusetts Travel Order in place and we want support your plans but maintain the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff when we return from the holiday, Monday, November 30, 2020. Therefore, if your family will be traveling out of state next week, please notify your child's school nurse. Our nurses are working extremely hard to maintain records that provide safe entry to in-person learning for all students. In accordance with the Massachusetts Travel Order, any travel to a restricted state requires a 14-day quarantine or proof of a negative COVID-19 test. The COVID-19 test must be completed within 72 hours of a return to Massachusetts and must be a PCR test, not a rapid test. Under the travel order, testing does not apply to children under 10 as proof of a negative PCR test from/for the parent or caregiver that accompanied under 10 children must be provided prior to the student's return to school. Your child should quarantine at home until COVID-19 test results are received and a return date is confirmed by the school nurse. The list of restricted and lower risk states is updated frequently and should be reviewed prior to travel.

Your child may not return to school without fulfillment of the requirements of the Massachusetts Travel Order. This applies to all district employees and we greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance in this matter as we work together to maintain the health, safety and well-being of all Dudley-Charlton educational community members. We need to do everything we can to keep COVID-19 out of our schools.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools