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

All,

I write to share that we have been informed of two new positive COVID-19 cases in our educational community. One of the cases did not require contact tracing as they had not been in our facilities this week and contact tracing is completed for the other new case.

It is imperative for you to know with the rising cases in our communities we continue to have no evidence of transmission in our schools. Almost all of our cases have been connected to outside home/family activities and/or as a result of exposure to a family member or family friend. This is something we continue to pay very close attention to, but it is also very consistent with school districts across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and nationally.

We know that this is an increasingly stressful time with the rising cases in our communities. We appreciate everyone's effort to complete the [self-certification/pre-screening](#) daily as it contributes greatly to our ability to maintain a safe in-person learning environment for students and staff. Additionally, for individuals who are symptomatic, staying home is the greatest act anyone can make during these unprecedented times. Please ensure that you communicate with your school nurse.

Lastly, know that every day we contemplate the decision to move to full remote learning for all students with the current spread of COVID-19 cases in our communities. This will be a difficult decision, but as the cases increase in Dudley and Charlton the sheer number of educational community members that are required to self-isolate or quarantine in itself increases the probability to make the move to full remote learning.

We appreciate everything everyone is doing to make the best of our schooling this year in the Dudley-Charlton RSD.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools