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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to inform everyone in our school community that we expect to resume in-person learning at the Shrewsbury Borough School on Monday, December 7, 2020. Barring any unforeseen developments over the weekend, we anticipate seeing all of our students on Monday, December 7, 2020 for in-person learning.

Please note the following:

As a reminder, specific notifications to families will be made whenever any of our students have tested positive for COVID-19 but not in the case where students have merely had contact with someone that is positive for COVID-19. Specific notifications to families will be made whenever transmission has occurred at SBS or during the school day. In cases where a student has had close contact or some other type of contact, the school will work with the Monmouth County Health Commission #1 to determine the appropriate course of action. The action generally involves a recommendation to have that student and siblings quarantine, test for COVID-19, and monitor their symptoms for 14 days.

If anyone in your family or close circle is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19, you should contact the school immediately. While we can't mitigate every possible risk that we face, we can take actions quickly that prevent further transmission and exposure for everyone. If we truly value in-person instruction for all of our students, we must all do our part to keep everyone healthy and safe here and at home. Otherwise, our children will continue to experience disruptions in their ability to enjoy and benefit from in-person learning on a consistent basis at the Shrewsbury Borough School.

Please take time to sign up with CivicReady, our emergency notification system.

- There is an updated link on our website that will take you to the Shrewsbury Borough website and CivicReady landing page. You will need to validate your account through your email address to establish a password. Here is the link to [CivicReady](#). We are no longer using the Two River Alert system so you will not receive notifications from that emergency notification system.

Quarantine Requirements for Travel.

- I know that many families have questions about travel especially as it relates to vacations and trips over the holidays and through the winter ski season. Governor Murphy has issued the following guidance, "Due to the interconnected nature of the region and mode of transport between New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, a 14-day quarantine is not reasonable in all instances. Non-essential travel to and from these states, however, is highly discouraged at this time." I am aware that the state of New York is also included in this list of states while not explicitly mentioned.
- All travel to any other state or country does require a mandatory, 14-day quarantine for all students who travel to any state or country for more than 24 hours. Updated guidance from the CDC, NJDOH, and Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1 recommends a full and complete quarantine after travel for more than 24 hours. If you are planning to travel, SBS can easily accommodate your children virtually as Remote Learning Option students for the duration of your quarantine. 14-day quarantines are the most effective way to combat COVID-19 and to prevent transmission opportunities. Please refer to the [NJDOH Travel Advisory List](#) for more information as you make plans to travel.

Very sincerely,

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