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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, February 8, 2021. Barring any unforeseen COVID-19 or inclement weather developments over the weekend, we anticipate seeing all of our students on Monday, February 8th.

Please note this important change: Next week will be our first five day week of the school year and SBS will be open for in-person instruction on Friday, February 12, 2021.

Important Travel Quarantine Information:

- The NJDOH has recently updated their guidance regarding quarantines for any type of travel. **This communication home is not meant to encourage travel outside of the state or country. Nor should this letter be interpreted as any type of guidance contrary to the CDC, NJDOH, or Governor of New Jersey.** The Shrewsbury Borough School will require all students who travel to quarantine for ten (10) days, as the NJDOH has outlined. Upon guidance from and in consultation with the MCRCH#1, SBS will not allow students to “test out” of this quarantine period for the shorter 7 days.
 - ***New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential interstate travel at this time.***
 - Travelers and residents returning from **any U.S. state or territory** beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) should self-quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodging following [recommendations from the CDC](#):
 - If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.
 - If travelers test positive, they should **self-isolate for at least 10 days and should postpone travel during that time.**
 - If travelers test negative, they should **quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.**
 - If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should **quarantine for 10 days after travel.**
 - The advisory is no longer specific to certain states. Because of the rising number of case counts across all states, there is an increased risk of spread of COVID-19 upon return from any travel.
- 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.

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.

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.

Very sincerely,

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