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COVID-19 Management at Berkshire School and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District

Members of the Sheffield Board of Health and our public health nurse have worked cooperatively and constructively with Berkshire School's director of student health services over the last few months regarding the School's reopening plan; similarly, we have worked with the administration and school nurses of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD) on its reopening plan, in both cases to ensure the implementation of the safest possible plans and to provide efficient communications if and when persons on either of these campuses test positive for COVID-19. Berkshire School's campus and the Sheffield campus of SBRSD are closed to the public for now, to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty and staff at both locations

When a person tests positive at either of these schools, our public health nurse is notified and she immediately notifies the Sheffield Board of Health. Please note that members of the Sheffield Board of Health, like our partners at Berkshire School and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, are committed to patient confidentiality and will not release the names or addresses of persons affected by COVID-19 or any other health issues.

We were recently notified that positive cases had occurred at Berkshire School. In two cases in late September, students seeking to register at Berkshire School tested positive as they were being admitted to campus. They were not allowed on campus and had to return home to quarantine off-campus before they could return. More recently, testing and contact tracing identified a positive case and two close contacts all of whom were required quarantine at home. No affected students have remained in Sheffield.

For additional information on Sheffield's schools and the associated COVID-19 protocols that each school has in place, go to:

www.berkshireschool.org/reopening For Berkshire School

And

www.sbrsd.org/covid19

For Southern Berkshire Regional School District

For any questions residents may have regarding the Sheffield Board of Health's involvement in safeguarding our residents' health and safety, please contact townhall@sheffieldma.gov or at 413.229.7000 x 157.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to promote public health and safety.

Martin C Mitsoff
Chair, Sheffield Board of Health

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