



March 13, 2020

Dear Members of the Brooks Community,

I write to share that the spouse of a Brooks School employee tested positive for novel coronavirus disease (COVID - 19) yesterday -- Thursday, March 12. We understand this person was exposed to the virus at some point between Friday, February 28, and Wednesday, March 4. The person began self-quarantine on Friday, March 6, and remains under quarantine at home while treatment is administered. The school employee first experienced symptoms on Wednesday, March 11, began a period of self-quarantine at home immediately, and is working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) to determine an appropriate course of testing and care.

This school employee and spouse do not live on campus, and the spouse has not been on campus at any point during this period of time. The school employee was last on campus on Friday, March 6.

The school has been in touch with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to determine if there are additional steps we should take to further mitigate risk of any sort. At this time, we have been advised that there are not additional steps to take, but we did want to make our community aware of this development. In addition, our deep cleaning of the school's facilities will focus particularly close attention on areas frequented by this school employee. In light of this development, we want to renew our recommendation that any member of our community should seek appropriate medical attention if you experience any symptoms consistent with COVID - 19.

We appreciate there may be questions and that anxiety levels are high. We ask that you please respect the privacy of this school employee and spouse during this challenging time. We will follow up if there is reason to provide an update with additional information.

Before closing, I want to remind all of us to please continue practicing all preventive measures public health agencies are advising. Take good care.

Best,

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