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To: Karyn Clark, Worcester Director of Public Health, Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance

In planning for reopening schools we must have data that allows us to safely accommodate students in the classroom. Most, but not all, schools are currently using 6' spacing within classrooms. Full in person schools will require 3' spacing.

Because of the variation from district to district (as well as with private schools) with regard to days per week in school, spacing in class and other variables, experience is being gained with different approaches, the results of which will inform decisions going forward.

Accordingly, contact tracing of Covid19 positive students should include data regarding days in school per week, spacing in class, use of PPE and whether or not cases are determined to have been the result of in-school spread. Class size/school size should also be included.

We ask that the above be included in DPH case investigations and that data be made available that allows stratifying by school environment and that this data is made available to school departments on a timely (weekly) basis.

Although data flowing week to week will contain small numbers we ask that raw data be transmitted to our district where we can pool it with previous data and determine trends. The district understands and will take responsibility for assuring that non-significant conclusions are not drawn.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Shrewsbury Board of Health