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PRIVATE SCHOOL NOTICE - TOWN OF BROOKLINE

(Private Schools include all non-public schools, Parochial and all Religious schools, and Colleges and Universities)

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The Brookline Department of Public Health has been pleased with the level of compliance and cooperation from all Schools and Institutions during this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In order to better address Health and Safety concerns the Commissioner of Public Health issues the following notice:

Effective December 18, 2020 all Private Schools deemed essential under the State Order dated March 31, 2020 must follow the following requirements:

- All Private Schools must comply with the guidelines established and revised by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) COVID – 19 Guidance Documents, with exception to the stricter standards established by the Brookline Commissioner of Health as follows:
- All schools that provide sports activities and events must comply with the established standards of the Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) COVID-19 Guidance Documents and receive approval through Brookline Department of Public Health.
- A minimum of 6 feet distance is required for students and staff during classroom, transportation and group education and attendees of sports gatherings.
- Compliance Operational COVID- plans must be sent to the Commissioner of Health for review and approval.

Local Regulation Adoption and Enforcement will be under the Authority of the Governor's Emergency Orders # 33,37, 38, 43, 44 and MGL 111 c 122, 123, MGL c 40 s 21D,