



Massachusetts
School Nurse Organization, Inc.

Governor Charlie Baker
Massachusetts State House, Beacon St #280
Boston, MA 02133

April 27, 2020

Dear Governor Baker,

Thank you for making the difficult decision to close school buildings through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. This decision will help reduce COVID-19 transmission within our school communities. The delay in schools reopening also provides an opportunity for state leaders from a variety of organizations to collaborate on a comprehensive reopening plan that will help ensure the health and safety of our communities. We are grateful to our educational, medical, nursing, and public health colleagues for their support in our request for the MA School Nurse Organization (MSNO) to join in the state level planning. We extend our thanks to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Schools (DESE) Commissioner Jeffrey Riley for inviting our input. Our MSNO Board member Karen Rufo is now working with Anne Gilligan, DESE School Safe & Healthy Schools Coordinator, to begin the planning process.

We appreciate your support as we continue to collaborate with state leadership for the health and safety of all students across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny M. Gormley, DNP, RN, NCSN".

Jenny Gormley, DNP, MSN, BA, RN, NCSN
MSNO President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doreen Crowe, MEd, BSN, RN".

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