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Andrea Boissevain, MPH Director of Health
Janet Robinson, Superintendent of Schools**Stratford to Close All Schools Due to COVID-19 Concerns**

Stratford, Connecticut (March 12, 2020) – Stratford Public Schools today announced the closure of all schools effective Friday, March 13th. It is to be determined when classes will resume.

“The Connecticut Department of Health has confirmed a positive case of COVID-19 among an individual in Stratford. This individual is connected to one of our Elementary schools,” said Andrea Boissevain, Director of Health. “We are working with Public Schools to issue this school closure out of an abundance of caution. Contact tracing will take several days to complete and our main objective is to keep residents safe and slow the spread of the virus.”

As part of the contact investigation related to the individual who tested positive, the Stratford Health Department, in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Public Health will notify all individuals, including students and staff, considered to be a close contact of the individual and further guidance will be provided.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Prevention includes hand washing, as well as covering up when coughing and sneezing. For more information visit: www.townofstratford.com/coronavirus.

Please email questions regarding COVID-19 to:
health@townofstratford.com

General questions about the virus can also be directed to Connecticut hotlines:

Yale Health COVID-19 Hotline:
203-432-6604

Hartford Healthcare COVID-19 Hotline:
860-972-8100

CT 2-1-1 Hotline

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