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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

On Sunday evening, February 22, 2021, we learned that a person in our Folsom School learning community tested positive for COVID-19. The person was determined not to be infectious when at school. We communicated with the Vermont Department of Health and they confirmed that since the learning community member was not infectious at school there was no contact tracing which needed to be done by the school. There are no new school based close contacts who need to quarantine as a result of this confirmed case. This case is not a close contact of the original case. Our regular practice is to only provide communication to the community when the learning community member who tested positive was possibly infectious at school. We made an exception to this procedure in this case because of the timing being close to other cases we have communicated. We will return to our regular procedure in the future.

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the name of the individual with COVID-19. We ask for compassion and sensitivity for all those involved. We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

What can you do?

We recommend that you take action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if your child is not experiencing symptoms. This includes:

- Making sure your child is wearing a mask.
- Making sure your child is washing their hands.
- Maintaining 6 ft of physical distancing.
- Keeping your child home if they are sick.

- Calling your primary care provider if you or your child have symptoms of COVID-19.

COVID-19 symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Parents and guardians of students exhibiting symptoms are asked to contact their family physician, the VDH, our District Nurse Emily Dousevicz (edousevicz@gisu.org) and their school health assistant. Staff exhibiting symptoms are asked to do the same in addition to notifying the District Human Resources Department. As always, the safety and well-being of our students, staff and families is our top priority. For more information about COVID-19, its spread, and contact tracing, please refer to this [link from the Vermont Department of Health](#).

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

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