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Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

**I am sorry to report that as of the writing of this letter the Rapid Antigen Tests that were discussed at the Governor's Press Conference on 1-11-2022 have not been shipped to schools. We do not know when the Test Kits might arrive but will keep you posted.**

We have an explosion of positive cases of Covid-19 in our schools in the Islands. In Grand Isle County more than 38 students, faculty, and staff members have confirmed positive cases reported this week. Additionally there are multiple students as well as faculty and staff members with symptoms who are awaiting test results. We have had to close both the Alburgh and Folsom Schools this week due to not having 50% or more of the student body able to be at school as well as having a shortage of faculty and staff.

Guidance is evolving quickly and has changed daily or nearly every day and there is new guidance which has been promised to be released very soon. Local pediatric doctors share their perspective in this document: [Vermont Pediatricians Support Adapting Policies on Testing & Contact Tracing to Keep Schools Safe.](#)

Omicon is moving very quickly and changing our dynamics. **The most important things you can do:**

- Keep your child home if they are sick
- Make sure your children get vaccinated and boosted when they are eligible. [Find a location near you.](#)
- Always make sure your child is wearing [a mask](#) when recommended or required.
- Make sure your child is [washing their hands](#).
- Call your primary care provider if you or your child has [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- Practice social distancing when possible.

## **Community Meeting on January 12, 2022**

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I will talk about high case counts in the Alburgh and Folsom Schools, the Governor's press conference and new guidance, as well as an update on the new Take Home Test Kits.. As always, questions are welcome!

Wednesday, **January 12, 2022**, 6:00 p.m

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Thank you for helping to ensure that all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever changing world.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Clark*

Grand Isle Supervisory Union, Superintendent