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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

On November 8, 2020, we learned that a person in our learning community within the Champlain Island Unified Union School District, Grand Isle Campus, tested positive for COVID-19. We have reached out by telephone to any member of the CIUUSD/GISU learning community who might be considered to be a close contact. Working with the Vermont Department of Health we determined the best course of action would be to have the affected Grand Isle grade level transition to remote only learning until November 19. It was also determined that out of abundance of caution it makes sense to shift another grade level to remote only pending the results of a test. We have contacted the families of the students in both grade levels, by phone, so they are aware of the change. We look forward to their return on November 20 (sooner for the second class if the test we are waiting for is negative). We remain in contact with the VDOH and will take the steps necessary to protect the health of our students and staff.

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. The VDOH has advised that the Grand Isle School Campus is safe to remain open for school in the same model it was operating before the COVID-19 confirmation with the modification described above.

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 VDOH, and their school principal. 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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