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Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

According to the [VT Department of Health School Data](#) there were 68 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Vermont schools. While the GISU has had very few confirmed cases, in the last nine days we had three confirmed cases. The three recent cases have been at the Folsom school, which we moved to remote learning this week after the second confirmed case was identified on Sunday morning. This brings the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases identified in GISU schools, since March of 2020 to seven cases, with at least one case in each school. Our faculty, staff, students, parents, and communities have worked hard to do the things that the experts have identified to keep the schools safe and I commend and thank everyone for this work. Our schools are safe because of this. I urge everyone to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by following these recommendations:

- Making sure you and your child are wearing a mask.
- Making sure you and your child are washing your hands.
- Maintaining 6 ft of physical distancing.
- Staying home and keeping your child home if you or your child 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. The [Vermont Department of Health's Website](#) has lots of information about best practices related to COVID-19.

On **Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** GISU will hold a Google Meet to talk about the Vermont Department of Health Guidelines we use when there is a confirmed COVID-19 case identified in a school. We will also review the steps the community can take to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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Community Meeting

Instead of a Community meeting this week GISU will host the meeting described above on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. There will not be a community letter or meeting during the vacation week.

Thank you for working with us to support the GISU mission to ensure all members of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Learning Community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

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Superintendent