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2 February 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

I'm pleased to share that our positive case counts have gone down this week. We are hopeful that now that we have access to rapid antigen tests we will be able to better support families and help them make the safest decisions for their children, other children in the community, as well as all members of the school learning community. In case you missed it last week the following is information about the changes we have made:

This [most recent guidance](#) shifts schools from health related activities like contact tracing and testing to distributing test kits. We will continue to notify our community about COVID positive exposures in our schools, but will shift responsibility for testing to families. When the school receives information about a student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID, we will notify any person who is in the classroom that they are a presumptive contact. We are experiencing multiple positive cases of Covid-19 in our schools daily. Beginning today we will adjust our practice of sending a general letter to the community notifying them of a positive case in the school to tracking cases in a [dashboard type tool on the GISU website](#). The dashboard will be updated each weekday by 4:00 p.m. You can find this dashboard as a button on the homepage of our GISU website - gisu.org. Weekend positive cases will be commingled and reported to the dashboard on Monday mornings by noon. The dashboard will report school, date, grade, and number of new cases reported that day by grade. We believe this approach will be more transparent and will provide families with the information they need to make informed decisions.

*We will make test kits available to families of the presumptive contacts for home testing. **As long as a presumptive contact does not exhibit symptoms or receive a positive outcome on a home test, they can continue to attend school and school activities.** The Vermont Agency of education has provided this [Frequently Asked Questions Guide](#) to help clarify the new guidance.*

Families can pick up tests from school or have them sent home with their students. Families will administer the test and, based on the results, send their student to school (negative and no symptoms) or keep them at home (positive and/or symptoms). **Maintaining in-person learning relies on families to not send students to school when they are sick.**

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

- Use the testing protocols to screen for Covid but understand; if you have symptoms of any illness you must stay home.
- Make sure your child(ren) 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.

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Weekly PCR Surveillance Testing has ended

The state of Vermont has ended the weekly surveillance testing program which we have been a part of since last spring. Our parent liaison, David Mills (dmills@gisu.org, (802)372-6921 ext. 2008), does have the ability to provide you with a Take Home PCR test kit if you need a PCR. David is available most school days during school hours at the contact information above. Please feel free to reach out to David any time.

If you need an antigen test kit for a student please reach out to your school directly.

Community Meeting on February 2, 2022

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I will have a general covid update. As always, questions are welcome!

Wednesday, **February 2, 2022**, 6:00 p.m

Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/yzd-szwo-tqi

Join by phone (US) +1 573-349-3062 PIN: 810 989 343#

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

Please see the information from the Covid Dashboard for the last week on the following page.

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GISU COVID DASHBOARD

ACEC	2/1/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Hero	2/1/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grand Isle	2/1/2022		0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Folsom	2/1/2022		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACEC	1/31/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Hero	1/31/2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grand Isle	1/31/2022		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Folsom	1/31/2022		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACEC	1/29 & 1/30	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
North Hero	1/29 & 1/30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grand Isle	1/29 & 1/30		0	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Folsom	1/29 & 1/30		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACEC	1/28/2022	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
North Hero	1/28/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grand Isle	1/28/2022		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Folsom	1/28/2022		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ACEC	1/27/2022	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Hero	1/27/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grand Isle	1/27/2022		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Folsom	1/27/2022		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ACEC	1/26/2022	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Hero	1/26/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grand Isle	1/26/2022		0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Folsom	1/26/2022		2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0