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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

This morning, February 18, 2021, we learned that a person in our Folsom School learning community tested positive for COVID-19. We met with the Vermont Department of Health and worked to identify everyone who might be considered a close contact. There are no new school based close contacts who need to quarantine as a result of this confirmed case. This case is a close contact of the original case. We are reviewing our routines, procedures, and practices to see if a lapse can be identified. The Vermont Department of Health has told us that even when all of the mitigation processes are followed to lower the chances of transmission there is not a guarantee that transmission will not happen. We will remain in contact with the VDH and will take the steps necessary to protect the health of all our students and staff.

As a reminder, 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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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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