

Kelly M. Lyman
Superintendent

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Dear Mansfield Staff and Families,

Today we learned of a positive case of COVID-19 within our Mansfield Middle School community. As with the cases shared yesterday, the person was not in school during the period of infectivity and therefore no contact tracing is necessary within the school environment.

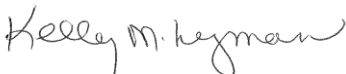
The identification of recent COVID positive cases provides us with a good reminder of the importance of following mitigation strategies throughout the day. **Be sure to wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when in school or around those outside your household. Practice physical distancing of six feet whenever possible and maintain good hand hygiene.** In our schools, we also employ enhanced cleaning protocols of high touch surfaces and carefully maintain cohort groups to reduce the number of people with whom each student or staff member comes in contact. Most importantly, conduct a self-assessment each morning and stay home should you be experiencing any of the symptoms below:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- Chills or shaking chills
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Stay home and call your medical provider to report these symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

Thank you for your attention to these important practices.

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Lyman