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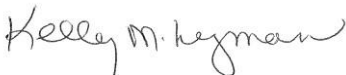
Dear Mansfield Staff and Families,

We received word that over the weekend and today six members of the Mansfield School community have tested positive for COVID-19. These cases are spread among the three elementary schools. Many of the ill school members had been carefully monitoring symptoms and stayed home when not feeling well. This helped to reduce the number of students and staff identified as close contacts.

The news reports the last few weeks are full of stories of increased rates of infection. Please know that we continue to employ all the mitigation strategies defined in our reopening plan. These are strategies that allowed us to keep our schools open even last winter when the number of cases was at its highest. Recent news reports also describe the increased risk to community members who are not vaccinated. While not a scientific study by any means, the anecdotal information we are hearing among infected school community members is that cases of the virus are much less severe in those who have been vaccinated.

We continue to encourage families to vaccinate children over age 5 and for those over 18 to get a booster shot six months after being fully vaccinated. More information on the vaccine and how to get a booster shot or a vaccination for those aged 5 to 11 can be found at this new link – www.vaccines.gov.

Sincerely,



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