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Superintendent

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Dear Mansfield Families:

Today we learned of two positive cases of COVID-19 within our schools including one case at Goodwin and the verification of the presumptive positive case at Vinton. Contact tracing to identify all members of the school communities who are at risk of infection is on-going by Eastern Highlands Health District. A close contact is defined as anyone within six feet of a person who is infectious for 15 minutes or longer. Those who are considered close contacts are required to quarantine for 14 days. Quarantining prevents that person from infecting others IF he or she should develop symptoms of the virus. Those identified as close contacts will be notified by Eastern Highlands Health District or the school. If you do not hear from anyone, you may assume no close contact was identified.

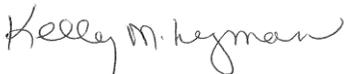
As a reminder, staff and students exhibiting any of the symptoms below, or feeling ill, should stay home and call their medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

- 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

Further, our protocols require that anyone experiencing these symptoms receive a negative COVID-19 test result or an alternate diagnosis from their medical provider before returning to school. This practice, along with our mitigation strategies such as mask wearing, hand hygiene, cleaning, and physical distancing allow us to reduce risk in our school environment. Public health data continue to indicate little to no transmission of the virus in schools thanks to these practices.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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