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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is a follow up regarding the recent communications about positive cases reported by Gilbert. I am required to inform you that the Maine CDC has evaluated Gilbert School against the Federal CDC guidelines for an outbreak because there were 3 positive COVID cases reported by Gilbert to the CDC within 14 days. The CDC recognizes that an outbreak status does not necessarily warrant a school closure or indicate that there is direct evidence of in-school transmission. At this time, there is large evidence to support community-based transmission and minimal evidence for in-school transmission regarding these cases. Currently, there are no close contacts in quarantine due to exposure at Gilbert related to any of the recent positive cases reported. We are pleased that we are able to continue to have in-person learning as school remains open.

It is important for families and staff to continue to notify us if a student or staff member and/or another family member is testing for COVID, sharing the results of the testing and whether a student or staff member is experiencing symptoms. Please continue to stay at home as directed by health protocols and the CDC. We need to continue to work together to minimize the spread of the virus.

Please direct questions to Sarah Landry, Principal or Emily Davis, School Nurses, at Gilbert Elementary School by calling (207) 626-2491. For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org), [www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

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