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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is to inform you that we have received information concerning an individual at Gilbert Elementary School who has been identified as positive for COVID-19. The individual is in isolation and is not showing symptoms at this time. All close contacts have been identified, contacted, and are quarantining. The Superintendent's office and our school will continue to work closely with the Department of Education and the Center for Disease Control regarding COVID-19 protocols.

For those individuals who have or may receive notification of being a close contact from Gilbert Elementary School, the Maine CDC's Sara Alert system will begin sending you follow up guidance via text messages. Sara Alert is an automated system that uses daily text messages to help people who have been identified as close contacts to monitor for symptoms after exposure. All students and staff will be enrolled in Sara Alert if they are identified as having been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person while at school, unless you have opted out of that service.

Please continue to monitor your health and any symptoms related to COVID-19. We appreciate families and staff notifying 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, Nurse 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. www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Sarah Landry

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