

Grand Island Central School District

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Dear Sidway Elementary Families:

The Grand Island Central School District (the “District”) has received information of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the District. The individual who tested positive was in our **Sidway Elementary School**. Please be aware that the District cannot release the name or any other personally identifiable information regarding this individual.

You will be contacted by a local public health department representative in the event that your child had, or may have had, close contact with the individual who tested positive. You and your child are expected to comply with all instructions given if contacted by the health department, including any requirement to quarantine for a designated period of time. The District is working collaboratively with the public health representative, through the contact tracing process, to identify and inform anyone who has had close contact with the individual who tested positive.

The District has infectious disease health and safety protocols in place to minimize the spread of the virus and other illnesses. To that end, the building administrator will work closely with the Head Custodian and Director of Facilities to ensure that any space and/or materials touched by the individual who tested positive for COVID-19, and those individuals who had close contact with such individual, are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

As a result of our consultation with the Erie County Department of Health, **Sidway Elementary School will remain open**. The District’s comprehensive reopening plan remains available to view on our official website (grandislandschools.org/reopening). Please refer to the Plan for more detailed information relative to the District’s contact tracing process and health and safety protocols, including cleaning and disinfection.

All students, parents, guardians, and staff should continue to monitor their health for symptoms of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, chills, new loss of taste/smell, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headache, congestion, nausea/vomiting and sore throat. If you or a family member begins experiencing any of these symptoms and suspect it may be COVID-19, contact your health care provider.

The District will work with any affected families to support them throughout this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s building administrator.

Sincerely,



Brian Graham, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools