



Genesee Community Charter School
at the Rochester Museum & Science Center

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Dear GCCS Families and Community Members:

We want to inform you that at Genesee Community Charter School, we have been notified of one identified confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school community. The student was last in the building on Friday morning. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Per privacy guidelines, no additional personally identifying information can be shared about the individual who tested positive.

After completion of its investigation, the Monroe County Department of Public Health determined there was no risk of exposure within the school. Anyone identified as someone who had “close contact” with this student outside of the school has been notified by a Monroe County Health Department representative. All others do not need to quarantine or be tested at this time. The infected student has been placed into isolation and will not return to in-person instruction until cleared by the Department of Public Health.

Since our building was thoroughly disinfected on Saturday, we believe it is safe to continue to hold in-person learning.

To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Monroe County Department of Health. We are staying in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps under the current circumstances, including:

- Enhanced infection control precautions, such as wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), increasing the availability of hand sanitizer, and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.
- Screening students, staff, and visitors for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone else who must enter our facility. Only staff and volunteers who must enter the building will be permitted entry.
- Documenting testing and quarantine records of staff and students
- Providing and requiring facemasks for all staff, students, and campus visitors to wear.
- Postponing large physical gatherings and maintaining classroom cohorts.
- Providing visual reminders and trainings to practice social distancing.
- Additional cleaning and sanitizing between cohort days (Wednesdays and weekends).
- Testing 20% of our staff and students who are physically attending school while our region is identified in the Yellow Zone.

Please stay home if you or your children are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19 such as: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Questions related to potential exposure, testing, contact tracing or

quarantining should be directed to the Monroe County Department of Public Health at 585-753-5555 or COVID19@monroecounty.gov. Personal medical questions should be directed to your healthcare provider.

We encourage you to review the CDC website for information about COVID-19, including its symptoms, how it spreads, and actions you can take to protect your health: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Additionally, here is a link to support conversations about COVID with your children: <https://tinyurl.com/y37zn68f>

All of us at GCCS understand that this is a serious situation and might be frightening. Additional information about coping with stress can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/stress-coping/index.html>

We will continue to provide you with regular updates about the situation and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional students or staff with confirmed COVID-19. We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call us at 585-697-1960, or visit our website www.GCCSchool.org for updates. Please take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Hillman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Shannon Hillman
School Leader