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Dear Edward Gideon School Parents/Guardians,

We consider the health and safety of our students and staff to be of extreme importance and are working closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This letter is to inform you that today, March 31, 2022, we learned that a student or staff member who was last in our building or office on March 31, 2022 has tested positive for COVID-19. In accordance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and other state privacy laws, we cannot share any additional information about the positive person, but please know that the individual is self isolating and will not return before the required isolation time is completed, in accordance with PDPH guidelines.

**IF** your child is identified as someone who may have been in close contact (defined as being within six feet of the positive person for more than 15 minutes within a 48-hour period while unvaccinated and unmasked), you will be contacted by the COVID Response Team and/or Student Health Services with important information concerning the need for your child to quarantine.

As an extra precaution, we encourage you to monitor your child closely for the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 listed in the chart below.

Symptoms of a COVID-like Illness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever of 100.4 F or greater</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• Cough</li><li>• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li><li>• Fatigue</li><li>• Muscle or body aches</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• New loss of taste or smell</li><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• Congestion or runny nose</li><li>• Nausea or vomiting</li><li>• Diarrhea</li></ul>

If your child experiences any of the symptoms above, they should be tested for COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, please visit <https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/covidtesting/> or [www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites](https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites). Should you have questions or immediate concerns, please call the Philadelphia Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline at 215-685-5488.

Thank you, take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Shauneille Taylor*

Principal