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Dear Parent/Guardian,

GOAL Digital Academy is committed to the safety, health, and well-being of our students and staff. We are writing to inform you that we have recently received information about at least one confirmed case of COVID-19 in a student or staff person at Mansfield.

GOAL Digital Academy will be closing all lab buildings but not online learning from November 25- December 4, 2020. The board made this decision to help mitigate spread during the Thanksgiving holiday. We have been working closely with local health departments to ensure the proper recommendations are followed to clean and disinfect areas of the school building. In addition, anyone identified as a close contact will be notified by the health department as a part of COVID-19 investigation.

How You Can Help

Be proactive about reducing the number of interactions you have with others by practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) to limit the spread of COVID-19.

In addition to physical distancing, these important tools help to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wear a mask or face covering while in public places or if people who don't live with you must visit your home.
- Avoid unnecessary gatherings with people who don't live in your home.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Sing the Happy Birthday song twice to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and wash your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover coughs and sneezes. If you are experiencing cough or congestion, consider staying home and seeking medical care.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cleaning of frequently touched surfaces with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions. A simple bleach solution may also be utilized.



Per privacy guidelines, no additional information can be shared regarding the COVID-19-positive individual. GOAL Digital Academy, along with the local health department, will continue to work together to monitor the situation. If you have any questions, contact Tish Jenkins, Superintendent, at tjenkins@mygda.org or 419-775-4809 ext. 1101. Thank you for helping to keep people safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and school.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Resources from the CDC include:

[Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations](#)

[Daily Home Screenings for Students](#)

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

A blue and yellow graphic titled "COVID-19 FAQ's" with a background of blue virus particles. It lists three key instructions: "Keep in touch with your doctor," "Stay home except to get medical care," and "Don't be afraid to ask for help." The footer includes the logos for Mike DeWine, Governor of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health, and the website coronavirus.ohio.gov.

COVID-19 FAQ's

What to do if you're sick or suspect you're sick:

- ▲ **Keep in touch with your doctor.**
Contact your doctor and be sure to call before you go in. Get care if you feel worse or believe there is an emergency.
- ▲ **Stay home except to get medical care.**
People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home but should not leave or visit public areas. Use CDC criteria to determine when you can stop isolating and leave home.
- ▲ **Don't be afraid to ask for help.**
Ask a family member, friend, or neighbor to get your groceries, mail, and other essential needs and leave them outside your door.

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