



HEAD OF
SCHOOL

October 5, 2020

Dear Members of the Governor's Community:

We learned last evening that an outside contractor who worked on our campus last week has tested positive for COVID-19. Based on this individual's work responsibilities and on conversations with the individual, we have determined that this person was not a close contact of any other members of the school community (close contact is defined by being within six feet of the person for 15 minutes or more). This contractor has not been on campus since Friday afternoon, and last evening and this morning we had our cleaning company sanitize all spaces in which that individual had worked before students and teachers arrived to start the academic day.

Our contract worker will remain off campus until they are able to safely return as per guidelines outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The positive case has been reported to the local and state boards of health, and regular communication will be maintained between these departments, The Governor's Academy Health Center staff, and the individual and/or family.

Our student body and staff have been closely adhering to the safety protocols, including mask wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing. To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we continue to follow guidance from the CDC and Massachusetts State guidelines to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps under the current circumstances, as well as regularly reminding our students and staff to adhere to the guidelines in our [Social Compact](#) and our employee Return to Work and Social Compact. We are also following all department of Health protocols, including collaborating with our local board of health and the Contact Tracing Collaborative to complete contact tracing as the situation requires.

For more information on COVID-19 symptoms and testing, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing#where-can-get-a-test?>.

You can also find a map of testing sites at:

<https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eba3f0395451430b9f631cb095febf13>.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates about the situation and will promptly notify you if

we identify any additional confirmed COVID-19 cases. Please continue to monitor your children and yourselves for symptoms, and any individual with symptoms associated with COVID-19 should remain off campus and contact our Health Center right away at 978.499.3126.

All of us at The Governor's Academy understand that this is a serious situation and we encourage you to access resources on campus, including reviewing our [Health & Safety FAQs](#) on our website, contacting our [health center staff](#) with questions and concerns, and seeking out additional support from our [counseling staff](#). The safety of our students, employees, and families is always our top priority.

Sincerely,

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