Dear FIT Parents & Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that we have a confirmed case of COVID19 at FIT Academy. The individual with the confirmed case was present yesterday at the secondary level and the case was confirmed this morning. We are following recommended protocol including the following:

- Quarantining the individual or any family members if any are also at FIT Academy
- Continued communication with the individual and/or parents
- Investigation of exposure in communication with the Minnesota Department of Health
- Quarantining those who meet the definition of exposure OR
- Asking those who <u>may</u> have been exposed to stay home while we continue to investigate

Investigation of exposure is meant to determine whether anyone else at school was exposed to the individual with the confirmed case. **Exposure is defined by the department of health as consisting of** b**eing 6 feet or closer for a total of 15 minutes throughout the day.** We begin this investigation by interviewing teachers and having them identify anyone who potentially met this criteria for exposure. We then further investigate and require anyone who has been exposed to quarantine. Out of precaution, we also ask those who <u>may</u> have been exposed to stay home while we consult with the department of health for further guidance. We have contacted those who may have been exposed and will continue to do so if any additional information comes forward.

Please remind your students to follow the safety guidelines and protocols we have in place at school. COVID19 is present in our community and it is not unusual that we experience confirmed cases at school. Our challenge is to prevent its spread and mitigate it as soon as we identify cases. We are all in this together so please encourage your students to be respectful of those dealing with the virus and avoid the spreading of rumors. Thank you for your continued support of our school community and please let me know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Claud Allaire
Executive Director