Geneva Area City Schools

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Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary 755 Austin Rd. (440) 466-4831, Ext. 3001 Dear Geneva Teachers and Staff,

The Geneva Area City School District wishes to inform you that the Local Health Department is investigating two cases of COVID-19 at Geneva High School. During the time that the cases were potentially infectious, the students were in school with their last day on Thursday, November 5th from 7:15 am - to the end of the school day. The cases are reported to have visited only Geneva High School in Geneva, Ohio, The two students, one in 10th grade and one in 11th grade, received a positive test result over the weekend on November 7th / 8th.

COVID-19 is a contagious respiratory disease that is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person from people who are in close contact. Generally, close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. Symptoms of COVID-19 typically appear 2-14 days after exposure and may include fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficult breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. For more information visit: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

The Local Health Department will be calling all close contacts in this matter. It is highly important that all contacts answer or return health department calls in this very important matter. If you have concerns, the Local Health Departments can be reached between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at:

- Ashtabula County Health Department, Jefferson, OH (440) 576-6010
- Ashtabula City Health Department, Ashtabula, OH (440) 992-7123
- Conneaut City Health Department, Conneaut, OH (440) 593-3087

The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to practice social distancing; wash your hands often; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; wear a facemask; cover cough and sneezes; don't leave your home when you are sick, clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces often, and monitor your health daily.

Sincerely,

Eric M. Kujala
Superintendent