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Dear GSA Families:

I want to let you know of a change in our procedures. We will no longer be doing contact tracing to identify close contacts. Dr. Shah of the Maine CDC has said he doubts the usefulness and efficacy of contact tracing now because of the way Covid currently is transmitted and current incubation times. Also, frankly, given how we are doing school now, it is no longer feasible to do tracing well. Having assemblies and being generally less restrictive in spacing for kids make tracing impossible, but doing those things makes school more comfortable and normal, and I don't want to go back to a much more restrictive environment. Given what Dr. Shah has said, I also think whatever added safety might come from contact tracing is now negligible.

We will continue to send out notifications of cases on our campus, and all our other protocols and procedures for positive Covid cases remain in place.

Also, you may have heard that the Brooklin School went remote this week because of a high number of cases. It is possible that we will get to that point as well, although I hope not. I tell you this to remind you that if our cases go up a lot, we might need to switch to remote classes for a short time.

Respectfully,

Tim Seeley
Head of School