

# GFPS COVID-19 PHASES

## GREEN

### Phase 3

#### Minimal risk

Positivity Rate	Case Rate
Below 5%	Less than 10/100k

Few isolated cases, with little or no evidence of exposure in a large communal setting such as schools. No limitations on group gathering size.



### In-Person Learning Schools Open

- Social distancing as is practical.
- Masks encouraged/optional for students and adults who are immune compromised.
- Public visitors in schools limited to school-related events and school business as per Board Policy.
- Extracurricular activities and events permitted without restriction.
- Facilities are available to outside use as per Board Policy.

## YELLOW

### Phase 2

#### Moderate risk

Positivity Rate	Case Rate
Above 5%	Greater than 10/100k

Moderate and/or sustained community transmission with likelihood of confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for increase in suspected cases. Group gatherings may be limited.



### In-Person Learning Schools Open

- Restriction on physical distancing- 3 ft. for students and 6 ft. for adults.
- Maximum use of outdoor learning spaces, large spaces, such as gyms and cafeterias.
- Masks may be required across the district or in specific schools or under certain circumstances, including on school buses.
- Temporary remote learning may be available for some groups of students.
- Some activities may be limited or altered.

## RED

### Phase 1

#### Critical risk

Positivity Rate	Case Rate
Above 10%	Greater than 100/100k

Substantial and uncontrolled community transmission, health care staffing significantly impacted, multiple cases in communal settings (health care facilities, schools, mass gatherings).



### Remote Learning Schools Closed

- Teachers work from their classrooms, or remotely.
- Students participate online.
- No Transportation.
- Food Service - 100% remote.
- No extracurricular activities or event.



#### NOTES:

- Required personal health screening daily before you come to school or work each day. If you are sick, stay home. Seek a health care professional or school nurse for questions or concerns.
- All schools and offices practices hand sanitizing upon entry and attend to good hygiene and sanitation throughout the school day.
- All visitors to Great Falls schools should understand the potential for exposure to COVID-19 and assume the personal risk. Proper PPE (personal protective equipment), sanitation and/or social distancing is encouraged.
- GFPS will regularly seek the guidance of local Health Care Professionals, the County Health Department, the CDC and our own Registered School Nursing Team on the Health and Safety standards and protocols for our schools. These protocols will be widely communicated internally and externally through the most effective means to include, email, social media, emergency alerts and text messages, public announcements in mainstream media and in person verbal communications.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 or other serious communicable diseases in the school district, the County Health Department, in partnership with the GFPS nurses and administration, will complete the contact tracing and make the appropriate notifications based on the current protocols in place.
- GFPS may move into a different phase at any time depending on community status.
- GFPS School Board policies will guide all phases of the plans (whether explicitly stated or not). <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/domain/113>.
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) rate of transmission definition. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7030e2.htm#T1\\_down](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7030e2.htm#T1_down)
- Current Federal Law requires that all students wear masks on school buses to and from school.