



Press Release: Sunday, January 16, 2022

UPDATE Regarding GFPS School Reopening:

Great Falls Public Schools has been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 all weekend. This afternoon information was reviewed by the District Administration regarding the current number of COVID-19 infected staff and their predicted recovery rates. At this point it appears that the absence rate of teaching staff is predicted to be improving over last week. The Great Falls Public Schools Human Resource Department Staff have been contacting teachers over the weekend to check on their health and ability to return safely to work on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. In addition, our school nursing team continues to update our data on the overall infection rates of students and staff.

At this time all schools in the Great Falls Public School system will reopen on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the regularly scheduled times. In addition, all activities will be instated, unless there is not adequate supervision due to coach or staffing illness. Some teams have experienced higher rates of infection as well and may have some postponed events. Parents and students should check with individual activity supervisors for updates.

On Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM GFPS will hold a Face Book Live session to update the community on the status of School Closures for the upcoming week. In addition, the District will post updated information and send a press release at that time.

Please check our website at <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/> and the GFPS Face Book page for daily updates on COVID-19 infection rates by school and for information on Rapid Test clinics and Vaccine clinics.

Students, with parent consent, and staff can access rapid tests at most schools and at the Community drive-through testing center at the Fair Grounds. <https://www.alluvionhealth.org/covid-19/>

Parents, staff and students are reminded to monitor your health and wellbeing each day. If you are feeling sick and/or exhibiting any flu-like symptoms, please stay home and contact your health care provider. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your school administrator.