Superintendent Newsletter

July 15, 2021 - Summer Edition



GLCS Update on Fall Learning 2021

Gull Lake Community Schools will be returning to Fall learning with a *masks optional* protocol in place for students Y5 - 12th grade. Due to the low number of positive COVID-19 cases and the higher local percentage of immunizations received, families will have the option to choose.

Beginning Monday, July 19th, AACC and Summer School will begin the masks optional protocol.

We will continue to promote time honored health and safety practices such as regular handwashing, disinfecting surfaces, and healthy air exchange in buildings and learning spaces. Personal Protective Equipment will be made readily available. The District emphasizes the importance of knowing and understanding the guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This guidance recommends, but does not require, that unvaccinated individuals continue to wear masks indoors. At this time, we are still evaluating bus transportation masking rules and will update on that topic as soon as that process is complete.

Gull Lake Community Schools, in partnership with the Kalamazoo Health and Community Services Department, will once again post daily updates starting August 30th on new positive COVID-19 cases on our website for all program and building locations. We will also continue to quarantine individuals who test positive and those who are close contacts under 3 feet of distance. For contacts between 3 - 6 feet of distance, families will be notified of the exposure. Letters to families will continue to be posted by building and program level so that you can stay updated daily on trends.

Gull Lake Community Schools families were diligent with safety protocols during this past year and are to be commended for timely communication and adherence to health and safety protocols. We trust that this will continue as we enter a new school year with many new and exciting opportunities for kids.

Best regards,

Kayhard Ketterhory

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent Gull LakeCommunity Schools

Announcements

Meet Up & Eat Up Every Wednesday (7-day meal pack)

> Haven Church 10 – 11 am

GLHS 11:15 am – 12:30 pm

First Day of School Mon. August 30th (Full Day)