



## Community Schools

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January 27, 2022

Dear Gull Lake Families,

Gull Lake Community Schools (GLCS) has continued to monitor the surge in positive COVID-19 cases during the month of January. Significant factors include the test positivity percentage, GLCS student and staff confirmed positive cases, and health care capacity.

As of January 22nd:

- The test positivity percentage still stands above 30% for our student population.
- The average number of weekly cases for Kalamazoo residents ages 18 and younger has nearly quadrupled from the late November surge to the week ending January 22nd.
- Our local student and staff positive confirmed cases have nearly doubled since the Holidays, signaling continued peak virus activity.
- Health care capacity continues to be stretched due to the high number of cases.

***Given the increased activity, GLCS will continue to mask indoors for grades Y5 - 12th grade for the month of February*** and will evaluate the information at the end of February to make a determination moving forward regarding District health protocols. Our continued focus is to provide safe daily in-person learning for all of our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work through this time together.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raphael Rittenhouse', is written in a cursive style.

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent  
Gull Lake Community Schools