Gull Lake Families,

The CDC, MDHHS, and the Kalamazoo County Health Department have released new COVID-19 guidelines as of 2/17/2022. As a result, GLCS COVID protocols will be updated on 2/21/2022. Please note that these are the current protocols. As new variants arise or the risk level changes in our community, district protocols may be changed to reflect this.

**Changes to district COVID-19 protocols as of February 21, 2022 due to Kalamazoo County Health Department determining that our region is now in RECOVERY phase:**

- GLCS will be mask optional during this phase; however, the guidelines for being masked when a person is positive or quarantined from an outside of school close contact are unchanged.
- GLCS will pause contact tracing during this phase for IN SCHOOL close contacts and will notify when a positive case/potential close contact has been confirmed in your student’s classroom or cafeteria settings. The daily rapid antigen testing site will remain open for your convenience.

**Remains in effect until further notice:**

- Mask wearing on public transportation/district bussing has been federally mandated and remains in effect.
- Students and staff are encouraged to still wear masks as part of a layered mitigation strategy. Masks will continue to be available at GLCS if students or staff request them.

Good communication is key. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can find FAQ’s and testing information on the Gull Lake website under COVID updates.

Thank you,

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