

Good Afternoon Granite Falls Parents, Guardians, Families, and Staff,

The school district continues to monitor the Coronavirus and the impact it has on the schools and community. We will continue to follow the directions of our county health districts as the safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority.

From the conference call and follow up press conferences with the Snohomish County Health District along with Governor Inslee's press conference this morning, our District will be following their guidance.

After School/Extra-curricular Activities

As of today, the health district is recommending that people avoid non-essential gatherings in large groups to the extent possible.

They loosely define "large groups" as meetings, events or spaces with 50 or more people. The larger the group, the higher the risk. The closer the contact to others, the higher the risk.

Schools need to balance the risks to students and staff and to the community against the benefit or need to gather.

According to the DOH, this is a good time for districts to consider postponing events if possible.

For this reason, the Granite Falls School District is canceling all district extra-curricular performances, evening events, field trips and athletic competitions until further notice. Athletic and co-curricular practices and club meetings will continue as scheduled.

For those events scheduled weeks, even months away, we will make a determination as they get closer.

Additionally, the district will restrict the use of district facilities to all outside agencies until further notice.

Please check the website and Facebook for up-to-date information on scheduled events as things can certainly change quickly.

School Closures

The Snohomish County Health District stated the following, "We will continue to work with school leaders to determine the best measures, including potential school closures, and to support school officials in making the best decisions for their students and families."

Closing schools when there has not been a confirmed case in a student or staff member is not currently recommended by the Snohomish Health District or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Decisions on closing schools will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Because there are no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in our district, the Snohomish County Health District is not recommending closure of our schools at this time. If that recommendation changes and targeted or widespread school closures are recommended, we will let you know quickly.

We do not anticipate closing schools unless directed by the Health Department or the State of Washington or due to lack of staffing.

Our goal is to ensure our schools are cleaned each afternoon and evening in preparation for the next school day.

The district will continue to update the status regarding school closures and extra-curricular activities.

Additional FAQ:

Should I keep my child home from school?

If your child is showing symptoms of illness, keep them home from school or child care. Call your healthcare provider for specific questions or concerns about your child's symptoms and care. Call ahead before going into a clinic or other healthcare facility.

Be safe, be well,

Dr. M