

Dear Granite Falls Families, Students, Teachers, and Staff,

Today, Friday, September 11, 2020, we were informed that a citizen has tested positive for COVID-19. Prior to receiving news of testing positive, there had been interaction between the citizen and GFSD employees earlier this week. Due to privacy concerns, we are not disclosing the names of the citizen or employees. We are following the Department of Health protocol and have sent the employees home for a 14-day quarantine.

This experience serves as a reminder that, per Washington Department of Health guidelines, if a student, parent, citizen or staff member is experiencing any of the following symptoms that are not attributable to another condition, they should remain home and do NOT come to school or district facilities:

- A cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- A fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
- A sore throat
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Congestion/running nose – not related to seasonal allergies
- Unusual fatigue

If you are experiencing symptoms, please notify your school, then contact your medical provider for guidance.

For more information, visit the Washington Department of Health's (DOH) website at www.doh.wa.gov/coronavirus or the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

Just as a reminder please wear your face mask, wash your hands and continue to social distance regularly.

The health and safety of the Granite Falls School District students, families, our staff and community are of the utmost importance. Thank you for you and your family's active participation in following district and state guidelines in keeping our school community safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Josh Middleton, Superintendent