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Through a collaborative partnership, several Flathead Valley rural schools and Kalispell Public Schools have been awarded a grant to support COVID testing through the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. We are excited to announce the availability of **free testing/screening for COVID beginning Monday, October 11th**. In an effort to accommodate work schedules, we have three COVID testing sites available for staff, students and parents. The tests available include the BinaxNow rapid testing and PCR Covid screening tests.

Having these sites available will allow us to quickly diagnose and process confirmed COVID positives. Additionally, while operating within the updated CDC guidelines, we will be able to test individuals under an advised or mandated quarantine. This may shorten the quarantine dates, allowing for a safe and timely return to school/work.

We identified three test sites, which we hope will provide easy accessibility for families from all of our districts. Our intent was to provide an 'East', a 'Northwest', and 'Central' site at a variety of before work, after work and weekend hours to accommodate busy family schedules. Testing will be available at the following sites and times.

East Location - Snappy's parking lot Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. AND 4:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

West Location - KidSport parking lot Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. AND 4:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Flathead County Fairgrounds - 4H Building Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Testing will not take place without parent/guardian written or verbal consent. We hope you find the additional testing options helpful for your family. Each testing site will have additional information for you based on the results and circumstances of your Covid test.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding testing.

Thanks,
Cal

Our Shared Beliefs Are:

In a safe, welcoming learning environment, students and staff take risks and accept challenges, so they can do their best work.

Positive relationships promote academic, social, and emotional growth.

All students are capable of growing academically, socially, and emotionally through a personalized approach.

Developing positive character traits leads to productive and responsible citizens.

A collaborative and celebratory environment supports a sustainable culture.