

November 18, 2022

Dear Marysville School District Families and Staff,

As you may already have heard, Governor Inslee lifted his emergency orders enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share how the changes impact our students, families, and staff and how we can continue to be proactive to lessen the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses that could affect our community.

While Snohomish county is currently in a low status for COVID cases, our local health district is concerned about the upcoming flu season and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). To learn more about these viruses, visit the Snohomish Health District website at https://www.snohd.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=730. The spread of both viruses has started earlier than usual and is impacting hospitals. We have learned so much from COVID, and taking preventive measures is vital:

- Vaccines are the best protection.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you are coughing or sneezing.
- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5-full days and wear a well-fitted mask on days 6-10.
- Please continue to report illnesses in the <u>Health Reporting Form</u>.

We may not be able to stop the spread of many of the viruses listed above, but if we all do our part we may be able to lessen the impact to our schools and community.

Our schools continue to offer free COVID-19 test kits for students, families, and staff. COVID -19 test kits are available at your neighborhood school.

Student and staff safety and wellness are our top priority; we will communicate updates as needed. If you have any questions, please contact our Health Services Department at (360) 965-2059.

Thank you,

Marysville School District Health Services & COVID Team