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Date: November 20, 2020

To: Parents and/or Guardians

From: Brian K. Ayers, Superintendent, Manhattan Schools

Subject: COVID Update for the week of November 16, 2020

The health and well being of our staff and students is our top priority. The Manhattan School District continues to work very closely with the Gallatin County Health Department, as well as local health providers, to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

As a district we currently have 41 students/staff out on quarantine, as defined as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Of those out on quarantine 20 are from contact tracing within the school. We have 6 students/staff awaiting test results and 2 who have received a negative test result since last week's update. We currently have 4 students/staff who have tested positive and meet the criteria for contact tracing within our school, and 0 who have tested positive and do **not** meet criteria for contact tracing within our school.

As a reminder, the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school are to wash your hands, wear your mask and remind your child to do so, disinfect frequently touched surfaces, and socially distance when possible.

Please take time to read carefully all communications coming from Maggie Secrest, District Nurse, as this information is critical to the safety of our students. If you have any questions for Maggie, contact her at 284-3341 or msecrest@mhstigers.org.