At this time, McGill Hall remains closed to all faculty, staff and students at the University of Montana. The University is continuing to test the facility’s air quality and to do visual inspections within the building and its steam tunnels.

### Additional Testing

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UM is bringing in additional environmental cleanup services specialists, who will be on the campus Wednesday and Thursday.

### Upcoming Events

The School of Public and Community Health Services will offer the webinar, “Childhood Exposure to Asbestos: What Do We Know?” as part of its Public Health Lecture Series at noon, Thursday, Feb. 7. Visit the poster at [http://www.umt.edu/facilities/asbestos/asbestos1.pdf](http://www.umt.edu/facilities/asbestos/asbestos1.pdf) to learn more about the lecture. Visit [https://umontana.zoom.us/j/354547496](https://umontana.zoom.us/j/354547496) to watch it live. A recording of this presentation will be available at [https://bit.ly/2WFhKmR](https://bit.ly/2WFhKmR) shortly after the presentation.

UM plans to host two additional public meetings this Thursday, Feb. 7. The first will be a campus general information session, beginning at noon in the University Center Theater. The second meeting will be geared to parents of children in ASUM Child Care, and begin at 4 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

### For More Information

We have moved the information website to the UM Facilities Services webpage here: [http://www.umt.edu/facilities/asbestos/default.php](http://www.umt.edu/facilities/asbestos/default.php). We’ve posted the FAQs from both meetings last week, as well as all of the test results we have to date. The PowerPoint slides from the meeting will be uploaded soon.
We will be adding a “contact us” feature connected to a dedicated mailbox for your questions, comments and concerns.
One of the most common questions received from parents is:

**What should parents do with items (including clothing, car seats, etc.) that were potentially exposed to asbestos fibers in the ASUM Child Care facility in McGill Hall?**

The EPA recommends the use of a specialized HEPA vacuum (one designed specifically for asbestos cleanup) and “wet cleaning” or the use of wet-wipes, rags or mops to pick up asbestos fibers.

Once the wet-wipes, rags or mops are used, they should be properly disposed of while still wet. The National Cancer Institute recommends washing exposed clothes in a load separate from other clothes.

When in doubt if an item is able to be cleaned to a point where no asbestos will be present, the recommendation is to dispose of the item and purchase a replacement.

**Looking Forward**

We are working on an action plan both for reopening McGill Hall as soon as possible and also some updated monitoring protocols for our buildings on campus known to have asbestos-containing materials in their construction. The current plan can be reviewed here.

We continue to work with specialists to review our testing in our ongoing effort to provide the best information we can on the health risks associated with asbestos exposure.