

## **CORONAVIRUS SCHOOL CLOSURE**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Where can I find the most up-to-date information?**

We will make every attempt to communicate directly via email and/or phone. However, mass notification systems utilized by school districts across the country are overwhelmed at the moment and, as a result, messages are being delayed in delivery. We will utilize email as often as possible and we would kindly ask that you visit <http://www.cvschools.org/coronavirus> for updates.

#### **How long are schools closed?**

All Pennsylvania public schools are closed by order of the Governor. At minimum, Cumberland Valley School District is closed through Monday, March 30, 2020. The Governor will determine the date in which schools are permitted to reopen. We will communicate directly with families regarding our return date.

#### **Are we required to make up any missed days?**

The Governor has indicated that no District will be penalized for not meeting the minimum 180 required days for this school year. However, the goal of the District is to provide a continuity of education to the best of our abilities. Therefore, we may elect to provide online instruction during the closure and/or, once schools reopen, bring in students on available days (make-up days, spring break, etc).

#### **Will spring break continue as scheduled?**

This is an unprecedented event. If the Governor permits schools to reopen prior to Spring Break, we may consider utilizing April 6-9, 2020, as days in which school would be in session. Should the District alter the school calendar, we will communicate directly with our families.

#### **What are instructional expectations during any closure?**

As shared during our March 16, 2020, communication, There will be no instructional expectations during the initial two-week closure. However, teachers may send optional educational resources home with students to provide them with activities that keep them engaged in school. Should a closure move into a third week and beyond, we will communicate with families regarding transitioning to an online learning model for all students.

#### **What if I don't have access to the Internet or technology resources at home?**

Should it be needed, we are making arrangements to provide hotspots for students who do not have access to the Internet at home and have loaner equipment that we will make available for students. Should this become necessary, we will provide additional instructions.

#### **My child has medication at school that they will need during the closure. How may I retrieve this medication?**

Please email your child's building principal directly to make arrangements to secure these items.

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### **Will we provide students with meals as needed during the closure?**

Lunches will be provided to our students Monday-Friday for free during the closure. We are planning to begin this service on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at several locations throughout the District. We are working diligently to make these arrangements and will post information at [www.cvschools.org/coronavirus](http://www.cvschools.org/coronavirus) once the details are confirmed.

### **Will prom continue as scheduled? Graduation? Any other school events?**

The continuation of events such as Prom and graduation will be determined, in part, by decisions made by both the Governor and the location provider. We know these are incredibly important events for students and their families, and we will work to ensure they occur as scheduled, when possible. All events are cancelled through March 30, 2020. Individual buildings will communicate plans for events scheduled after that date; or make-up dates for those missed, as determined.

### **Will there be a spring sports season?**

The PIAA has not yet made a determination on the spring sports season. At this time, all PIAA sports, school sponsored clubs, and activities are postponed until further notice.

### **What extra cleaning precautions are we taking?**

Members of our custodial staff will be in the buildings to thoroughly sanitize and disinfect our buildings.

### **What does the closure mean for AP exams, standardized tests, PSSAs, and Keystones?**

The PA Department of Education will provide guidance regarding PSSAs and Keystones, which our District would follow when any changes are determined. We will communicate any changes to SAT, ACT or AP guidance as it is communicated with our district.

### **Will you re-evaluate the situation before the students go back to school?**

Yes, the Governor has stated that the closures state-wide will be re-evaluated prior to being lifted. We as a District will also re-evaluate operations during that time.