



3/15/2020

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On Thursday March 12, 2020, Governor Mike Dewine issued a directive that all K-12 schools in the state are to shut down for a period of 3 weeks from March 17- April 3, 2020. Schools are required to continue to provide learning through alternative means and staff should report to work as directed by administrators.

The safety and security of our staff is paramount. To ensure that we continue to support the needs of our community during these unprecedented times, the district has created the below FAQ sheet to keep all stakeholders updated to the district of the business during the shutdown.

As more information is released from ODE, the State of Ohio and the CDC, we will continue to update our district stakeholders.

How long will Schools be closed?

Schools will be closed starting March 17 - April 3, 2020. Please note; our district will be on Spring Break March 23-March 27th. Buildings are scheduled to reopen Monday April 6, 2020.

Who does the closing affect?

All students are expected to stay home during the closure. District staff will be assigned a detailed work schedule after 3/16/20 that will take the safety and health for all in consideration. Many staff will have remote work assignments when applicable.

Will the school year be extended?

We do not have any information that has stated the year will go any longer than the schedule last day for students on May 22, 2020.

Are District buildings being cleaned and sanitized during the time of closure?

Yes, during the week of Spring Break (3/23-3/27) all district buildings will be deeply cleaned and sanitized. This will take place again on Saturday and Sunday (4/4-4/5) upon preparation of students returning.

Is the Board of Education office open during the closure?

The Board of Education or Central Office building will be open with adjusted hours and adjusted staffing. The Governor and Health Department has issued guidance on **Social Distancing**. With this, there will be times when Central Office employees will be directed to work from home. The best way to contact anyone in the Central Office is via email. Emails can be accessed via the District departmental web pages.

Board of Education Meetings will be held as scheduled(Social Distancing will be enforced)
March 19, 2020 BOE Public Meeting 5:30 PM (streamed live via Youtube)
April 2, 2020 BOE Business Meeting 5:30 PM (streamed live via Youtube)

What about athletic events and other extracurricular activities?

All district events will be cancelled through Sunday April 5, 2020. District field trips and Professional Development has been canceled through Sunday May 3, 2020.

How will the district Communicate with stakeholders during this time?

Families will be updated via our district website and Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter)
www.trotwood.k12.oh.us

Facebook: TMCSD

Twitter: #TMCSD

We will also use our all-call platform to update families regularly. If you have changed your number or have not been receiving the calls please touch base with your building to provide that information by end of day Tuesday 3/17/2020.

Students, grades 2-12 will constantly be in contact with teachers via the Google Classroom Platform. Please ensure your students are connected. If you are not please touch base with your building by Tuesday 3/17/2020.

What about Graduation, State Testing, 8th grade and Kindergarten recognition and other events that usually take place in the Spring?

As this unprecedented situation unfolds, tough decisions will have to be made with regards to what we deem as "normal" activities. The district will share information as it becomes available.

What about learning? What is my child expected to do?

Students K-1 will be given work packets for up to two weeks of engagement with the understanding that we have a scheduled Spring Break (3/23-3/27) during the shut down. Grades 2-12 will be assigned work via the Google Classroom Platform. Two weeks of engagement are also expected from classroom teachers for students. The district will also be posting directions for parents that need the information on how to access the Google Classroom for their student.

Teachers will be available via Google, grades 2-12, during regular school hours or other hours designated by the building administrator (M-F 3/19-3/20 and 3/30-4/3). Parents with questions K-1 should email the teacher directly.

My student has special needs. How will they get the support they need?

Our Special needs and Gifted students will be assigned remote assignments as well. Our District Intervention Specialist will be working remotely to ensure your students continue to have the support your student's need. In the event of IEP meetings and other Special Education mandated deadlines, our district Intervention Specialist and Special Education Coordinators will work with parents directly to ensure compliance according to state guidance is met.

What about food? My child depends on the meals that the school serves on a daily basis.

The district will be serving meals on a daily basis through the entire shut down, including Spring Break. We plan to distribute that information by Monday. Our buildings will also be open as well as several established sites throughout the district. This will be a "Grab and Go service" Students will receive a hardcopy of the sites as well as the information will be posted on the website and all Social Media Platforms.

What about registering my student for Kindergarten? Or if I want to sign up for Open Enrollment or I just moved to the district for the 2020-2021 School Year?

The district will be forwarding information with regard to K registration, Open Enrollment and standard registration soon.. We will be working out those details within the next few days. Please plan to continue with the process as usual unless you hear otherwise. Again those details on registration will be forthcoming.

My Child is anxious and concerned about the virus and possibly missing school and their daily activities. What do I do?

We know families, students and staff are worried. We are committed to keeping you informed and working with you to keep our school communities safe. Below are some links that provide information to support you doing this time:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1584121554/centervillek12ohus/eyzrqgailszsztkaire1/CoronavirusQuestionsforKids.pdf>

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020_NASP_NASN_COVID-19_parent_handout.pdf

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

