

Covid-19 Closure Information

March 17, 2020



Dear Decatur County Community Schools Families,

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, our primary goal is to keep staff, students, and families safe as we literally receive new information by the hour. Please know that DCCS is continuing to work very closely with the Decatur County Health Department and Emergency Management, and heeding the advice from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to try to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Here are Decatur County Community Schools next steps:

1. All schools will be closed after spring break for two weeks, March 23-April 3. Governor Holcomb is allowing all school districts to have twenty Covid-19 waiver days that are not required to be made up. This ten day break from March 23-April 3 will utilize ten of the twenty Covid-19 waiver days. No eLearning will take place during these ten days. A decision on how school will proceed starting the week of April 6 will be announced by the end of March.
2. All April field trips are cancelled. May field trips will be reviewed mid-April.
3. All April after school activities are cancelled. May after school activities will be reviewed mid-April.
4. No outside visitors will be permitted unless approved by the building administrator.
5. All extra-curricular events and practices are cancelled until further notice.
6. Information will be sent out later this week about how we can safely feed students during these two weeks.
7. Information will also be sent out later this week about how we can safely distribute student electronic devices and medications.
8. On Monday, March 23rd administrators will hand deliver student devices to elementary parents when they drive up in their vehicles in a safe manner. The following schedule will be used to distribute devices:
 - 9:00-10:00 Kindergarten
 - 10:00-11:00 1st grade
 - 11:00-12:00 2nd grade
 - 12:00-1:00 3rd grade-6th gradeAny Jr. /Sr. High parents that need to pick up their child's device will call the office between 9:00-12:00 to let administrators know they are coming to pick it up.
All devices will be handed to parents in their cars so no one is entering the schools. Any parent that cannot pick up a student device during these times needs to call the school's front office and confirm a time they can pick up the device later that day.

Everyone is aware of the alarming rate at which this situation is changing. We promise to update everyone when local, state, or federal health department's recommendations create a change in our educational world. Again, I appreciate your partnership in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jarrod Burns
Superintendent