



South Holland School District 150

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March 16, 2020

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Stacy Magee
Secretary

Thank you for your extraordinary support over the past several days, as we have worked together to protect our community during the growing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. To further safeguard Illinois from the spread of the virus, Governor JB Pritzker has declared mandatory school closures for all buildings, both public and private, serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students.

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This mandatory closure takes effect Tuesday, March 17. Currently, we anticipate reopening on March 31.

Lawrence Wilson
Member

ADMINISTRATION

Free lunch and breakfast will still be available to all students. Grab and Go Meals can be picked up at Greenwood School. See the dates and times below.

Dr. Denise Julius
Superintendent

Tiffany Webb
Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum

Myra Lolkema
Director of Technology

Camille Robinson
Director of Specialized
Services

- Tuesday March 17, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday March 18, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday March 19, 2020 Prep Day (Not open to the public)
- Friday March 20, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Monday March 23, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday March 24, 2020 Prep Day (Not open to the public)
- Wednesday March 25, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday March 26, 2020 Prep Day (Not open to the public)
- Friday March 27, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Monday March 30, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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We are committed to keeping students engaged in their learning during this statewide school closure. South Holland School District will use our eLearning Platform. To supplement these services, we encourage you to engage your children in other free, online educational activities. The Illinois State Board of Education has compiled a library of resources at www.isbe.net/keeplearning.

Concern over this new virus can make children anxious. It is very important to remember that children look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If adults seem overly worried, children's anxiety may rise. Adults should reassure children that health and school officials are working hard to ensure that people throughout the country stay healthy.

Children also need factual, age-appropriate information about the potential seriousness of disease risk, so the focus of conversation should be concrete instructions about how to avoid infections and the spread of disease. Teaching children positive measures, talking

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with them about their fears, and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infections can help reduce anxiety. Please talk with your children about precautions they can take to stay healthy, including:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is best, especially if they are visibly dirty. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is a suitable alternative. Consider showing your children one of these videos about proper handwashing technique: www.cdc.gov/handwashing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Stay home if you are able to stay home. Avoid travel if you can.

The National Association of School Psychologists has additional guidelines about talking to children about COVID-19 at [https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource).

We will continue to inform you as quickly as we can about any further changes to school services. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have questions. You can reach me at 708-965-0502.

We appreciate your partnership, and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Denise Julius
Superintendent