

GREETINGS. THIS MESSAGE IS FROM PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

ALL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE MONDAY MARCH 16 THROUGH AT LEAST FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2020. THIS FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM DR. HAMLET, SUPERINTENDENT OF PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Today Governor Wolf announced the closure of all schools across the commonwealth through at least Friday, March 27, 2020.

“As a member of a coalition of local superintendents, we intended to announce a plan for the phased closure of our schools next week to slow the spread of COVID-1D. Governor Wolf announced this afternoon the closure of all schools in the commonwealth for at least ten days. I understand the challenges this prolonged closure will have on our students and families. We are working to have food distribution sites across the city.”

The Governor’s action protects districts from being penalized for failing to meet the 180 days or school hour requirement. In addition to schools, all Early Head Start, PreK, and Center programs are also closed. For students that depend on our school breakfast and lunch program, Grab and Go meals will be available at all 54 school locations from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. Students are instructed to go to the school location closest to their home. All athletics and events are cancelled during the closure. All updates can be found on our website at www.pghschools.org/coronavirus

Future communications will come to you over the next two weeks.

Second Message:

Good evening PPS families and staff

This is the Pittsburgh Public Schools with an update. Per Governor Wolf’s announcement on Friday, all schools will be closed tomorrow, Monday March 16th through Friday, March 27th.

Students needing a daily meal can visit the closest PPS school location to their home. This includes all magnet schools, as well as Clayton Academy, the student Achievement Center and our stand-alone Early Childhood Education Centers - Chartiers, Crescent and Spring Garden. Grab and go meals will be available between 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM beginning tomorrow Monday March 16th through Friday until March 20th.

On Wednesday, March 18th, optional supplemental grade-level activity packets will be available on the District’s website. Students can access the packets on Schoology through the District’s CLEVER portal located at www.pghschools.org/studentresources. Comcast is offering free access to its Wi-Fi hotspots and eligible low-income customers can receive internet [services free for 60 days](#). A map of hotspots and additional information is available on Comcast's website.

If a child has medication at school, parents can pick up their child’s medication from the school nurse tomorrow Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 between 8:00 AM - 1:00

PM. Parents or a guardian over the age of 18 is required to sign for their child's medicine. After Tuesday, prescription pick up will not be available until schools reopen.

We will continue to update families and staff via robo calls and through our website. The details of this call and more are available online at www.pghschools.org/coronavirus.