



March 14, 2020

Dear MPSD Staff, Families, and Community,

The purpose of this communication is to provide additional information about MPSD school closures. You should have received a communication dated March 13 that provides some important information. If you did not see it, please go to the Coronavirus section of the MPSD website to review it before reading on.

<https://www.manitowocpublicschools.org/coronavirus>

Additional information is below in Questions/Answer (Q/A) format:

Should parents/guardians of Kindergarten, 5K , students report to their elementary schools at all between March 16 and April 3?

Yes. Parents of Kindergarten, 5K, students should report to their elementary school between noon and 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17 to pick up materials to work on during the closure and pick up any personal items including medication that are needed. Students in 5K will not be issued a Chromebook during this closure.

Will lunch be available to students?

Free meals will be available to all students under the age of 18 starting Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 20 and starting again on Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3 at these three locations. No forms or registration are required.

Franklin Elementary School

- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | 800 South 35th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Jefferson Elementary School

- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | 1415 Division Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Madison Elementary School

- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | 701 N. 4th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

How will meals be served?

The goal is to provide walk-up and drive-up meals to go at the three locations listed above.

What if our family does not have internet access and my child needs to participate in virtual learning options?

Some internet carriers are offering free and/or low cost options for families that your family may be able to take advantage of.

Currently Spectrum is offering free broadband internet and WiFi access for 60 days to families with K-12 and college students. Charter, which operates Spectrum internet indicated they will also waive installation fees for new households. To find out more information, [click here](#) or call 844-488-8395.

Comcast Internet Essentials indicated that they are providing 60 days of free internet to qualifying families.

<https://www.internetessentials.com/apply>

Should 4K students report to Riverview at all between March 16 and April 3?

Yes. Regardless of their service location, parents of 4K students may report to Riverview school between noon and 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17 to pick up materials to work on during the closure and those who receive service at Riverview may pick up any personal items including medication.

If a family of a student in grades 1-12 already has a computer at home do they need to stop in their school on Tuesday, March 17 between noon and 7:00 pm to pick up anything?

If the family would like to pick up personal items such as medication they should go to the school. If they only need directions for virtual learning, families can stop by the school to pick up the directions or can get directions on the MPSD website starting the afternoon of Tuesday, March 17.

Who is allowed to pick up medication for students?

Only a parent or legal guardian can pick up medication.

Should EC (3-year-old) students report to Riverview at all between March 16 and April 3?

Only if they have personal items such as medication to pick up between noon and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 17.

Will at-home activities be provided for EC (3-year-old) students during the closure?

We do not plan to provide materials but encourage you to read to your children and play.

What is the plan for Head Start Students during the MPSD closure?

Head Start plans to follow the same closure timeline as the MPSD. Communication regarding Head Start, if available, will come directly from Head Start faculty. If you have questions, call the main number for Head Start at 920-683-1960.

We will be sending frequent updates with information and resources via email, text messages, the [COVID-19 page on the MPSD website](#), and social media channels. We strongly encourage our families to understand COVID-19 symptoms, social distancing and treatment protocol and to follow the CDC travel guidelines.

We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through this difficult situation. We will get through this challenge together.

Sincerely,



Mark Holzman
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