



COVID-19 Update: March 20, 2020

COMMUNITY BULLETIN
Lancaster School District

Hello Families and Community Members;

Today, following Governor Gavin Newsom's and LA County officials' announcement Thursday of a new public health order for people to stay home to increase social distancing, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo announced she has extended her recommendation to close all schools in Los Angeles County to limit the community spread of COVID-19. Students are now scheduled to return on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

We understand how challenging these decisions are for our families and we appreciate your support and patience. We are very grateful for all our students, staff, and parents are doing to support safety, continuity of education, and feeding our children.

The following information is intended to provide you with more details and support during our extended closure.

School Closure Timeline

Lancaster School District will close all schools until Tuesday, May 5, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency. We will continue to provide updates via Peach Jar as this situation evolves. COVID-19 updates may also be located on our District webpage at www.lanccd.org.

Food Service Distribution

The Public Health guidelines provide for the continuation of our food service program. Lancaster School District will continue to provide "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch for youth between the ages of 1 and 18 at the following locations:

March 23 - April 3, 2020 - SPRING BREAK

11:30am - 1:00pm

Amargosa Creek Middle School	44333 27th Street West
Discovery Elementary	44910 17th Street East
Linda Verde Elementary	44924 5th Street East
Miller Elementary	43420 22nd Street West
West Wind Elementary	44044 36th Street West

April 6 - May 4, 2020

11:30am - 1:00pm

All District Schools

Continuity of Learning during School Closure April 6 - May 4, 2020

Spring break schedule is two weeks, March 23 - April 3, 2020. Beginning April 6, 2020, we will utilize distance learning resources to provide for continuity of education. Resources will include online access to grade level appropriate materials, review materials to help students strengthen their basic skills, and paper work packets. We understand access to technology and the internet may pose challenges for some of our families and we are working to address ways that we may assist in providing the needed tools. Thank you for your patience as we work to finalize all of the details. We will have complete distance learning information available for you by April 1, 2020.

Prevention

Please continue to take all possible precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading germs to others. DPH recommends everyday personal prevention actions:

- If you are sick or mildly sick for any reason, stay home! Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen.
- Symptoms to watch for include a fever over 100 degrees; respiratory illness such as cough or difficulty breathing.
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay 6 feet or more away from strangers and those who are ill
- Stop shaking hands with others to reduce the spread of germs
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your sleeve; safely throw away used tissues

As parents and caregivers, you influence your child's reaction to information about COVID-19 and school closure. Ongoing developments regarding COVID-19 may be overwhelming, especially to younger children. Parents and caregivers can help children understand the situation better by discussing their questions and concerns. You can watch a video about how to talk to your child about COVID-19 [here](#).

For more information about COVID-19, visit the Department of Public Health's [website](#). For general information about COVID-19, LA County residents may also call 2-1-1.

Thank you all for your patience during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Bowers".

Dr. Michele Bowers
Superintendent