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Clayton County Public Schools Issues COVID-19 Update

Instructional, Nutrition & Health Services, and Scheduled Activities Updates

JONESBORO – It was announced on Thursday, March 12, 2020, that Clayton County has one confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19). However, please note, according to the Clayton County Board of Health, this report was made in error and **there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Clayton County or Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS)**. With respect to the spread of COVID-19, CCPS will close all schools indefinitely as a result of the pandemic. In light of this decision, all-district and school-based activities have been canceled. Students and employees will not report to campuses or district offices effective Monday, March 16, 2020. As District Leaders continue to monitor and navigate the complexity of the Coronavirus’s impact on our operations, please see the following information relative to instruction, nutrition and healthcare services.

Instructional Resources: Digital Learning Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom

Due to the potential number of days that students could be out of school, students are **highly encouraged** to continue learning by completing the assignments that teachers will provide as hard copies. Teachers will also post assignments in their online GoogleClassroom for students who have access to the Internet and digital resources.

Students with special needs are encouraged to complete the assignments that teachers will provide as hard copies. If they have Internet and a digital device, they will be able to log-in to their online GoogleClassroom and complete assignments with accommodations provided through a variety of online tools, supports, and extensions. **If individuals do not have access to internet services, please see the subsection “Internet Access - Comcast Essentials” to learn of an offer provided by Comcast.**

Parents are **highly encouraged** to ensure students have scheduled time each school day to complete their learning assignments. In addition to completing their assignments, students are encouraged to read any book, article, newspaper, etc. of their choice for at least 20 minutes each day. Parents and students, feel free to reach out to your teacher(s) via email as they will be available to respond. Again, all students are encouraged to continue learning each day to support educational progress even without face-to-face interaction.

- ❖ Students can access their GoogleClassroom by logging into the CCPS Portal at <https://my.clayton.k12.ga.us>
- ❖ To access the portal, each student has personalized credentials; these are the same credentials that should be used to access the program while at home. Once inside of the CCPS portal, students will also be able to select the learning programs that they use regularly in class as well as their teachers’ GoogleClassroom

- ❖ **For additional instructional support**, students can use the online resources located on the Clayton County Website at: <https://tinyurl.com/CCPSExtendsLearningforAll>

Internet Access - Comcast Essentials

Families without Internet access can now have Comcast Essentials FREE for up to 60 days. Additionally, Comcast is increasing Internet speed for existing customers. Please see the brief facts below and click [HERE](https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/internet-essentials-low-income-broadband-coronavirus-pandemic) (<https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/internet-essentials-low-income-broadband-coronavirus-pandemic>) for more information. **All inquiries regarding Comcast Internet should be directed to Comcast.**

- ❖ To receive increased Internet speeds, existing customers will not need to do anything. New speeds will be rolled out nationally over the next few days
- ❖ All NEW customers will receive a free self-install kit that includes a cable modem with a Wi-Fi router. There will be no term contract or credit check and no shipping fee
Interested parties can simply visit www.internetessentials.com to receive information or sign up for Internet Essentials. The website includes options to video chat with customer service agents in American Sign Language. There are also two dedicated phone numbers 1-855-846-8376 for English and 1-855-765-6995 for Spanish

Nutrition Services & Mobile Food Pantries

While schools are closed indefinitely, Clayton County Public Schools will serve breakfast and lunch meals at ten (10) preselected sites beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. *All meals will be served at all schools on a grab and go basis. Sites selected to participate are Edmonds Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Lake Ridge Elementary, Eddie White Academy, Rex Mill Middle, Kendrick Middle School, North Clayton Middle, Forest Park High, Mundy's Mill High, Riverdale High.* Those eligible for this service must be 18 or younger or individuals with a state-defined mental or physical disability.

Clayton County Public Schools' willing employees will be utilized for food service on a volunteer basis. Meal service hours are as follows: Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:00 am, Lunch 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

In addition, Mobile Food Pantries will be available to support families on March 20th at 4:00 p.m at Forest Park Middle School and March 31st at 3:00 p.m. at Riverdale Elementary School.

Healthcare Services

Non-emergency medical and pre-screening services will continue to be available at the School-Based Health Center at North Clayton High School. Please call 678-426-2800 to make an appointment. Appointments and walk-in services will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m each week. Citizens should contact their medical provider to inquire about Flu or Coronavirus testing. Please refer to the following link for additional community resources:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IG4zbwFEFG1dqyUG7mO6lRN-JeeGGn96/view?usp=sharing>

School-based, District Sponsored, District Associated and Athletic Events

As mentioned, during the indefinite district closure, all scheduled events are canceled. The cancellations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ All CCPS Athletic activities
- ❖ All CCPS School-Based activities
- ❖ Kindergarten Registration (all dates)
- ❖ STEM Elementary/Transportation Depot Groundbreaking - March 16, 2020

- ❖ New Morrow High School Groundbreaking - March 16, 2020
- ❖ E3 Parent & Family Engagement Expo - March 14, 2020
- ❖ State Mock Trial Championships (Lawrenceville, GA) - March 14-15, 2020
- ❖ State Literary Meet (Kathleen, GA) - March 14, 2020 - postponed TBD
- ❖ Certified Teacher Job Fair - March 21, 2020
- ❖ College and Career Expo - March 21, 2020
- ❖ CCPS-High Museum Art Exhibit Reception - March 22, 2020
- ❖ Perfect Pitch Competition at Clayton State University - March 26, 2020
- ❖ Superintendent's Critical Conversation Community Meeting - March 26, 2020
- ❖ National Mock Trial Competition - May 2020

In relation to organized activities such as Proms, school leaders are asked to contact vendors and venues to inquire about the possibility of postponing these activities. Updates will be shared as information becomes available. District Officials are also in communication with vendors discussing plans relative to the 2020 Commencement Ceremonies. As a precaution, Clayton County Public Schools is considering alternative plans for the aforementioned ceremonies if needed. More details will be shared as plans are finalized.

If there are any events that have not been listed, please contact your child's school or the appropriate Clayton County Public Schools Department for additional details regarding the status of the event.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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