



**March 15, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

Dear Wauwatosa School District Families -

As a reminder, **Wauwatosa Public Schools will be closed Monday, March 16- April 6th** in an effort to help prevent or slow the spread of coronavirus and its resulting disease, COVID-19. The closure affects all school programming, including before- and after-school activities, Right At School care, all athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, and all weekend events.

The length of the closure at this point has been mandated by Governor Evers. We will continue to monitor this rapidly evolving situation and work closely with Wauwatosa and Milwaukee County public health officials and leaders, as well as taking guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC strongly advises staff, students, and families NOT gather at friend's homes, at shopping malls or restaurants or other locations in groups for socializing and play. This includes group childcare arrangements. The intent of the school closures is to create social distancing to limit the spread of the virus. We realize this is a burden for many of us and our families, but ask that we all do our part in helping make these closures effective with the end goal in mind.

A few quick updates for this week:

#### **SODEXO GRAB-AND-GO MEALS**

The Wauwatosa School District will provide free breakfast and lunch for all children 18 and under Monday-Friday beginning Monday, March 16. The next day's breakfast would be included when you pick up lunch. Meals will **not be** available during the week of Spring Break (March 23-27). Grab-and-Go meals will resume the week of March 30 until further notice. Please stay tuned for future options of weekly meal pickups versus daily.

- **Location:** Pick-up sites will be at Longfellow and Whitman Middle Schools
- **Hours:** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m (extended hours from previous communication).
- **Directions:** [Here is a map of the pick up locations.](#) Park near the red circle (which is the door). Signage will direct you from there. You will need to provide the student names.
- **How to Order Meals:** Families wishing to use this service must fill out this [form](#) or call Food Services at (414) 773-2635.
- **Questions:** For questions about the Grab-and-Go Meals, please contact our Food Service Provider, Sodexo, at 414-773-2635 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m, Monday - Friday.

#### **DIGITAL LEARNING PLANS**

- **Elementary:** Digital lessons will begin on Wednesday, March 18. Families will receive an email from principals early afternoon on Monday with a high-level overview. You will receive an additional email from your child's teacher by 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, introducing the digital format and providing family

resources that students can use for additional practice along with ideas for parents to keep kids busy. On Wednesday elementary teachers will send their first official digital lessons.

- **Secondary:** Teacher will be preparing lessons on Monday and will send communication out to students by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17 regarding digital lessons. Secondary students should start their work on Tuesday after receiving the communication.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Please allow your principal time to provide their email communication to you on Monday. Following that email, if you have questions, please contact your child's building principal via email between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact info for your child's principal can be found on each individual school's webpage:

- Go to [www.wauwatosaschools.org](http://www.wauwatosaschools.org)
- Click on "Schools" in the main menu
- Select your child's school
- Click on "Contact Us" in the main menu **of your child's specific school**
- The principal's contact info will be at the top of the page

#### **WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?**

The coronavirus is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge you to speak to your child about the following prevention measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- Help Stop Stigma: [See CDC COVID-19 KEY FACTS HERE](#)
- [Steps We ALL Can Take to Help Stop the Spread of Coronavirus](#) (Source: CDC)

More CDC COVID-19 resources can be found at [www.wauwatosaschools.org/coronavirus](http://www.wauwatosaschools.org/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

Phil Ertl, Superintendent