



# WAUWATOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT

• Your Educational Community •

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Dear Wauwatosa School District Families -

Yesterday Governor Evers issued a month long “Safer at Home” Order to help slow the spread of COVID-19, try to flatten the curve, and to help save lives.

The order began today and lasts through the deadline of his original Emergency Order, which is April 24, pending any superseding orders that could be issued. You can [read the full order here](#).

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR WAUWATOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- **Digital Learning** will continue after spring break and through the closure as we’ve been doing. All WSD staff will continue to work but will do so remotely. Next week teachers and principals will be available by email only. Voicemails on school phone lines will be periodically checked.
- **Food Service** is considered an Essential Service in the order, so we will continue providing Grab & Go meals for pick-up at Longfellow and Whitman middle schools or you can arrange for pickup through our Food Services provider, Sodexo. [Learn More](#).
- **Technology** for education is an Essential in the Safer at Home order. As such, you can still exchange non-functioning chromebooks or pick one up if for some reason you haven’t yet. **We ask you to use this only if truly essential.** Hours have been cut back to twice a week. [View Schedule](#). [View required instructions](#).

**Will School Resume?** While the order is scheduled to end on April 24, it could be replaced with another order. We do not know at this time if schools will be able to reopen once the order lifts. We will update you as our state and local leaders provide that direction.

**State Standardized Testing:** The [U.S. The Department of Education](#) has cancelled requirements for standardized testing for the 2019-2020 school year for states impacted by school closure as a result of COVID-19. We will not be issuing state testing.

**FAQS:** [See updated FAQ's](#) about grading, hour requirements (which have been waived), graduation, and more. The answer to most is - we don’t have the answers yet, but are working on them. As we know, this is a fluid situation with many unknowns.

**As a reminder, ALL athletic, concerts, and school related activities are canceled for the duration of this closure.** As part of the order, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is

asking all Wisconsinites to limit their contact to five people. This does not mean five people at a time, rather five people total. There should not be dinner parties, small group gatherings, play dates, etc. **All playgrounds in the state are closed as part of the order.**

With that said, you are encouraged to utilize technology, if possible, to maintain social connection. Call your friends and family, check in with people via text, FaceTime, try Marco Polo video chats, do a Google Hangout. Staying connected while staying home is important.

## **RESOURCES**

This is an unprecedented and challenging time for us all. But together, we will get through this. Taking care of your mental health is equally important as your physical health during this time.

**Student and Family Assistance Program:** District students and their families have access to six free counseling sessions through our Student and Family Assistance Program. They are teleservice at this time. [Learn more.](#)

**DHS Counseling Hotline:** Call 1-800-985-5990 to speak with a trained crisis counselor 24/7 provided through the Department of Health Services.

[DHS Coronavirus Resources](#)

**211 Info Hotline** - Dial 211 for information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin

**CDC Hotline** - Get facts by calling 1-800-CDC-INFO

[CDC Website](#)

This is a rapidly changing situation and we will continue to keep you updated as information is shared. **For now, Stay Safer At Home and remember, we're in this together.**

Sincerely,

Wauwatosa School District