



CLEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT FAQ

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) RESPONSE

Dear Clear Lake Families,

Thank you for your continued patience as the Clear Lake School District works to continually adjust to the current challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand there are many questions that have surfaced in the past week. The following are answers to many of the frequently asked questions (FAQs). As more information becomes available, we will continue to update families via School Messenger and our district web page.

How long will the school be closed?

The Clear Lake School District has been closed effective Tuesday, March 17th, at 5:00 p.m. Governor Tony Evers has mandated that all Wisconsin schools be closed for the duration of the public health emergency. No date has been set for reopening. The Clear Lake School District is closed indefinitely.

Are parents and students allowed on campus during the closure?

Parents and/or students are **not** allowed in school buildings or on school property during the state-mandated school closure unless it's during a designated meal pick up time or to access the student WiFi for school work. Students and families may **not** use the outdoor facilities of the District until further notice.

Are teachers available to meet with students and/or parents during this closure period?

Though our buildings will be closed to the public, please know that the staff continues to work hard to provide support and educational materials for all students. All Clear Lake School District Employees will **not** be meeting with parents and/or students in person during this closure period. However, all staff will be accessible through the district email and/or by district phone. All staff emails and phone numbers can be found on our district web page under the "Staff" tab.

What is the status of school events, co-curricular activities and athletic events?

All co-curricular activities have been suspended indefinitely during the mandated closure period. All athletic practices and games have been canceled until further notice.

Is the Junior Warriors program open?

The Junior Warriors program will, unfortunately, be closed during the mandated closure period. We apologize for the inconvenience, however, our number one priority during this time remains to be the health and well-being of our students, staff and the public.

Will we have to go to school in the summer to make up missed days?

At this time, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will grant waivers for its requirement of instructional minutes for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be applying for a waiver through the Department of Public Instruction to request that these mandated school closure days do not need to be made up.

Is school breakfast and lunch available during the school closure?

Due to Governor Ever's most recent safe-at-home order, the District is in the process of modifying this offering. Information will be going out to families as soon as the modifications are in place. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this rapidly evolving situation. Please contact Mrs. Penny Kobernick pkobernick@clwarriors.org or Mrs. Billie Jo Johnson bjjohnson@clwarriors.org if you have any questions pertaining to the Food Service program.

Will Advanced Placement (AP) testing be happening?

As of March 16, 2020, the College Board has indicated they are developing resources to help schools support student learning during extended closures of school. Further, they are seeking to develop a solution to allow students to test at home depending on the situation in May. More information will be made available by the College Board on March 20, 2020. For more information and test review resources, please visit the College Board website at:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>

<https://dpi.wi.gov/administrators/e-mail/covid-19-updates-march-20-2020>

Will students be required to complete standardized testing this spring?

Juniors were able to complete the ACT in early March prior to the mandated school closures. Results are typically available 4-6 weeks following testing, however, there will likely be a delay this year. Families of juniors will be notified once results are available. Other standardized tests, including the Forward Exam, have not been cancelled at this time. However, the State of Wisconsin has petitioned the federal Department of Education to begin waiving these requirements for our students. We will update families as we learn more regarding required standardized testing.

Will we still have a graduation ceremony?

We are very proud of our 2020 seniors and will make every effort we can to honor and recognize them with a graduation ceremony. At this time, graduation has not been cancelled or postponed. Regardless of our return date, the senior class will be given an opportunity and experience to be graduates from Clear Lake High School.

What if we do not have reliable WiFi?

In an effort to provide wireless access to Clear Lake students throughout the school closure we have boosted our wireless strength along the outer walls of each school in the District. (Both Elementary and High School). This means that any Clear Lake student is able to access the internet, with a school-issued device, by parking outside of either the Elementary or High School. The best spots will be the south driveway (bus circle) at the Elementary School, or along the north parking lot of the High School (parking by the weight room). We ask that you remain in your vehicles and continue practicing social distancing while utilizing this resource.

RESOURCES RELATED TO COVID-19 FOR PARENTS

[WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES](#)

[POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#)

Helping Families Cope with COVID-19:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Parent_caregiver_guide_to_helping_families_cope_COVID-19.pdf

Social Distancing During School Closure:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Social_Distancing_During_School_Closures3.17.20.pdf

Financial Resources for Families During COVID-19:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/toughtimes/covid-19-financial-resources/>

A series of videos from the U-Madison with skills for older kids to stay home alone:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/homealone/>

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- Dial 211 Services through the United Way (Food assistance, Housing assistance, mental health services, substance abuse help, etc.) 1-877-947-2211
- Northwest Connections 24 Hour Mental Health and AODA Crisis Line: 1-888-552-6642
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255