



## School District of Milton

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Dear School District of Milton Families:

On Friday, March 13, 2020 Governor Evers announced that all Wisconsin Schools will be closed after 5 p.m. on March 18th. Unfortunately, his announcement came minutes after we shared our initial parent letter.

Our administrative team has met this evening to discuss the Governor's directive. Based on the additional information that has come in since our initial communication to families, **the district now plans to be in session for students ONLY on Monday, March 16. Tuesday and Wednesday (March 17-18) students will not attend, as staff will be working on Virtual Learning Plans.**

All buildings are closed to practices and other district and community group activities beginning Monday at the conclusion of the school day, and throughout the school closure.

Per the Governor's office, school is expected to resume Monday, April 6. Please know that the date of reopening is tentative and could change as this situation evolves.

We believe it is important to have students at school on Monday, March 16 for the following reasons:

- This will allow staff and students an opportunity to communicate face-to-face, to share reassurance, and front-load expectations related to Virtual Learning Days.
- This provides an opportunity for parents to pick up any medication in the school office for their child(ren). Please remember, this may be the last opportunity to pick up medications until schools potentially reopen in early April.
- This will allow all students to empty cubbies and lockers to prepare for deep cleaning.
- This will allow our district an opportunity to provide grab-and-go meals for those students who may be facing food shortages during the school closure.
- This will allow students the opportunity to gather learning materials (devices, chargers, instructional materials).

Virtual Learning Days for students will start on Thursday, March 19 and also take place on Friday, March 20. There will be no Virtual Learning during our scheduled Spring Break week of March 23-27, and it will start up again the week of March 30-April 3. More information will be provided early next week about how we intend to support student learning utilizing our **Virtual Learning Day Plan**. Plans for Virtual Learning will be shared via email and posted to the district's website.

## TRAVEL ADVISORY

The CDC has very clear guidelines for those considering any travel in the coming days, weeks, and months. Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html> to see their full listing of areas/regions to avoid. Please carefully consider any non-essential travel in the coming weeks. An area may not be considered "high risk" now, but that could change daily.

Therefore, we are asking our district families to consider the following:

1. In light of the seriousness of this spreading pandemic, we ask that you please follow the CDC guidance and avoid non-essential travel.
2. If you are planning to travel, please inform your building principals via email.
3. Please, be prepared for the possibility that upon return from any trip, you might be directed to quarantine or isolate.
4. Our district nurse is happy to answer questions. But, by virtue of her position, she is not able to diagnose illnesses. She strongly recommends that our families seek guidance from their family physician or qualified medical professionals if they have any questions on symptoms they are experiencing.

Our administrators and district nurse continue to coordinate with local health officials to stay as updated as possible as this situation evolves and share up-to-date and accurate information with our community. Please continue to monitor our social media pages and our website at <https://www.milton.k12.wi.us/district/covid19updates.cfm> for any general updates or information.

As a community, we must all work together in the shared commitment to do all we can to address COVID-19 and its potential impact in our students, community, and region. Our number one priority is the health, safety, and education of our students.

Please look for another communication early next week which will share our next steps as a district. Thank you for your patience and support as we work through this difficult situation.

Milton Administrative Team