



March 13, 2020

The health and safety of our students and staff is always a top priority. With that in mind, we have all been closely monitoring the status of the COVID-19 virus. The district leadership of our schools held a meeting this morning with Dr. John Hossler of the Jefferson County Health Department to determine the best course of action moving forward over the next few weeks.

The decision has been made to close all of our schools for face-to-face instruction effective March 16, 2020.

What does this mean?

Madison Consolidated Schools and Prince of Peace Schools will be closed for face-to-face instruction from March 16 - 20, 2020. Each school will be reaching out shortly to communicate with families about their specific hybrid academic and district-related plans combining the use of eLearning days and state issued waiver days. Spring Break for both schools will continue as planned the week of March 23 - 27, 2020.

Southwestern Schools will begin their two week Spring Break on March 16 - 27, 2020.

ALL SCHOOLS will remain closed for face-to-face instruction the week of March 30 to April 3, 2020 and will communicate directly with their families the specifics of the continued hybrid academic plan for their students.

A tentative return date for all schools to resume face-to-face instruction has been set for Monday, April 6, 2020.

Future date assessment

District leadership and Dr. Hossler have a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 to determine a future course of action based on the situation at that time. We will monitor the situation one week at a time with the guidance of our local health professionals, as well as, state level officials.

We will continue to update information and share that as soon as it is available.

Cancellations

Effective Saturday, March 14, 2020 ALL school related/sponsored events are cancelled until school resumes on a normal schedule. Schools will be reaching out to families with district specific information.

Recommendations

The purpose of this decision is, in part, to reduce the number of individuals congregating together. Collectively, we encourage students to stay home, do not congregate together and use social media to stay in touch.

As always, we encourage everyone to practice self-care and proactive hygiene practices. If you plan to travel, please be sure to monitor the health of your family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Studebaker, Madison Consolidated Schools

Mr. Phil Kahn, Prince of Peace Schools

Mr. Jeff Bates, Southwestern Schools