



**For immediate release 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. Our district leadership team held a meeting this morning with Dr. John Hossler of the Jefferson County Health Department to determine the best course of action moving 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.

We have done our level-best to capture all necessary information in this document and provide you with specific information for the next few weeks. This is an unprecedented situation and there are questions we don't have answers to at this point but we will do our best to keep you up to date and communicate as quickly and often as possible.

PLEASE take a moment and read it in its entirety.

### **What does this mean?**

Madison Consolidated Schools will be closed for face-to-face instruction from March 16 - 20, 2020. Spring Break for both schools will continue as planned the week of March 23 - 27, 2020. Schools will remain closed for face-to-face instruction the week of March 30 to April 3, 2020 and a tentative return date to resume face-to-face instruction has been set for Monday, April 6, 2020.

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.

***What events are impacted and how? (all of this information is subject to change based upon resuming normal operating procedures)***

### **Campus Closures and Personnel**

- All Madison Consolidated School campuses and buildings will be shut down at 4 p.m. today, Friday, March 13, 2020
- Only essential personnel will be allowed in buildings beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 and your supervisors will be in touch with you directly to address your work schedule

## **Academic Hybrid Plan Specifics**

March 13th

- Send home student devices and chargers

March 16th - 17th

- State Waiver Days - no online learning requirements
- March 17th hard copy packets available to pick up starting at noon until close of business day Friday
- eLearning assignments must be posted Tuesday evening, March 17 by 5 p.m.

March 18th, 19th, and 20th

- eLearning days
- eLearning assignments must be posted Tuesday evening, March 17 by 5 p.m.

March 21st - 29th

- SPRING BREAK
- All buildings shut down

March 30th - 31st

- State Waiver Days - no online learning requirements
- March 31st please hard copy packets available to pick up starting at noon until close of business day Friday
- eLearning assignments must be posted Tuesday evening by 5 p.m.

April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

- eLearning days
- eLearning assignments must be posted Tuesday evening by 5 p.m.

**Device Pickup Schedule** for students who did not attend school on Friday, March 13, 2020

- Buildings will be open on Tuesday, March 17 after 12 p.m. and Wednesday, March 18 during normal school hours for student device pick up
- It is **REQUIRED** that all students have their device (or a device at home) they can use to participate in the scheduled mandatory eLearning days
- If a student does not have internet access, paper packets will be made available for pick up during the same times
- If you do not have internet access at home and parents would like to have learning packets emailed to them to print at a different location, please contact the school office

## **Grab & Go Meal Pick Up Service**

We are committed to do all we can to ensure each child continues to have meals available during the time we are closed. MCS Cafeteria Staff in each school will prepare Grab and Go lunches for students. Grab and Go would limit interaction and proximity to other participants, therefore decreasing the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

Schedule for lunch meal preparation and pick up is:

Monday, March 16, Wednesday, March 18, Monday, March 30, and Wednesday, April 1, 2020

In order to reserve a meal for your student, we ask that you either complete the Google Reservation Form (to be shared later) or call the Main Office of your child's school.

Please provide:

1. First and Last name
2. School that student will be picking up from
3. ID code (if possible)
4. Dates that a lunch will be picked up (Monday and Wednesday)

The meals may be picked up on Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. in the Main Office of your school.

The Backpack Buddies Program participants can pick up their bags on the regularly scheduled day and time.

### **Medicine PickUp**

- If your student has medicine at the school that needs to be picked up, you can do so either today at dismissal or during school hours on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

### **Special Events**

- Madison Theatre's production of Newsies has been postponed for this weekend and moved to May 15 - 17, 2020
- Information on ticket sales will follow at a later date for those who have purchased online tickets
- Future Cub Connect events scheduled at Lydia Middleton Elementary and Anderson Elementary will be rescheduled

### **Athletics**

- All spring season practices and games will be suspended until we return
- Absolutely no student athlete presence at our school or on our facilities
- Official number of required practices for athletes must be met upon our return and prior to a game/event
- There will be no feeder teams/players allowed in our facilities during this time
- All off-season Conditioning will be suspended until we return
- Limited Contact date begins April 6th - so no contact with athletes until that window expires

Thank you for your patience as we work through this the next few days and weeks.