

Dear CPS Families,

Earlier this morning, the city and county issued a stay-at-home order beginning March 25 through April 24. This means that our closure and alternative and distance learning methods will be extended.

Our hope is to return to school on Monday, April 27. We understand the order can change to be extended, rescinded, superseded or amended at any time. We continue to monitor the situation and will keep you informed of any changes or additional information as it becomes available.

Here's information on the order:

<https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/view.php?id=6656&tbiframe=1>

FAQ: <https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/downloadfile.php?id=2369>

We can't begin to thank you enough for your flexibility, understanding, and support during this unprecedented, uncertain and difficult time. Together we are living our school district values of empathy, grace, collaboration, integrity, transparency, and trust. We will get through this together.

Below is updated information on the operations of the school district.

Academics

With the announcement of the stay-at-home order, our alternative learning will continue. Our team is working on next steps for the additional week we plan to be closed. Elementary (PK-4) have been provided packets of work to be completed through April 10 and are receiving regular communications from their teachers. Fifth graders and secondary students will be able to continue to submit assignments to their teacher through Schoology. English Learners and students receiving special education services are being provided access to learning, or in the event IEP goals cannot be met adequately through alternative methods of instructions, we will provide compensatory services. IEP teams will be working to make the best decisions for our exceptional learners. There are academic resources and supplemental activities available on the district's COVID-19 website: www.cpsk12.org/COVID19.

Food & Family Support Resources

Our grab-and-go meal delivery for students in need will still begin on March 30. We will have 8 buses running multiple stop routes Monday-Friday. Stops are not school specific, but rather designed regionally to include as many high-need areas as possible. Please find the stop closest to you and go there **with your student** at the designated time. Students ages 2-18 years of age can obtain a meal. Stops will last approximately 15 minutes. We ask that you practice social distancing while at the stop. Both breakfast and lunch will be packed as a Grab-and-Go bag. Students may select a sack meal, one milk and a fruit and/or vegetable. Meals contain mostly non-perishable items. Please adhere to disposal and refrigeration instructions for perishable items.

Federal regulations require that the student be present in order to obtain the meal. If your student has mobility concerns (or the parent has mobility concerns) which prevent them from getting to meal drop-

off locations, another trusted adult may come to the drop-off location and pick up the student's meals. In this case, when the parent/guardian/trusted adult picks up the student's meal, they must provide their student's ID number. If parents are unsure of their student's ID number, please email sped@cpsk12.org for assistance.

Bus stop and menu information is attached.

Additional resources available to families:

<https://sharefoodbringhope.org/agencies/boone>

<http://www.211helps.org/>

www.cpsk12.org/COVID19

Technology

WiFi hotspots have arrived and are being mailed to students. We have a listing of those who have indicated a need for WiFi. Each household identified will receive one hotspot. The hotspots will be mailed to the address for the household on file with the school district. The hotspots will work with all CPS devices in the household, both iPads and laptops. They provide filtered internet access per our school district internet use policies. Instructions on how to connect the hotspots are included and a video on the connectivity is available on our website at www.cpsk12.org/covid19/technology. Instructions will be provided in multiple languages for families with English Learners.

An additional shipment of hotspots should arrive early next week and at that time we will fulfill the remaining student and staff requests. For others needing internet access, Spectrum, Mediacom and Socket have options available. Additionally, CPS filtered-WiFi is available from any of our school parking lots. You can pull up and sign on for free access.

Please refer to information available on our website regarding technical support, hot spots and other technology needs: www.cpsk12.org/COVID19.

Thank you again for your flexibility and all your at-home efforts to keep our students learning. Please continue to follow the instructions and information being provided by our lead government and health agencies so that we can all remain safe and healthy.

Stay safe!

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