



HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 16, 2020

Dear Homer Schools Community,

We have important information to share regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and our schools. Given the rapidly evolving situation related to this and in consultation with regional school districts and other agencies, the **Homer Central School District will now be closed for the traditional educational program effective Tuesday, March 17th through Monday, April 13th.** It is possible that we will need to extend the period of closure. However, we would like to clearly communicate the initial period.

We know that many questions will emerge in the days and weeks to come. We will work through those questions in a calm, thoughtful and collaborative manner. Many communications - at different levels of the organization - will be delivered in the upcoming days and weeks.

Monday, March 16, 2020: Students and Staff Report

- Students will take home materials necessary to allow for a continuity of learning. If they cannot carry everything in backpacks, no worries. We will have opportunities for families to get additional materials from schools. Teachers will communicate with students to provide details for home learning.
- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is added to the district COVID-19 page that can be accessed on our district website (www.homercentral.org)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020: No Students; Staff to Report

- HCSD staff will report to work at their regularly scheduled time for planning and preparation.
- We know that families will be working on their own arrangements to adjust to this situation.
- Parents will have the opportunity to pick-up materials and/or Chromebook computers in their child's school building from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. For families who need to pick-up materials and are unable to get there during this time, please contact your child's school.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – Monday, April 13, 2020: No Student Attendance

- In an effort to ensure adequate nutrition to children, the district will provide food during the period of school closure (Monday-Friday). Additional details about this service will be posted on our district website on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Monday, March 23, 2020 – Monday, April 13, 2020

- Students will complete learning activities at home to maintain continuity.
- Resources and updates will be added to the district COVID-19 page on the district website as they become available.

We will regularly update you as new information becomes available and will continue to add to our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the COVID-19 page of our website. Together we will get through this turbulent time.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools