



HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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District Office

March 13, 2020

Dear Homer Schools Community,

As you know, we are actively monitoring the guidance we are receiving regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in our district. We have, however, begun planning for the potential need to provide students with a continuity of learning if the district is directed to close for an extended period of time.

To aid this planning, we have made a decision to have a **two-hour delay on Monday, March 16th for students only**. This delayed opening will give all staff an opportunity to plan for continuity of learning in the event of a school closing. We apologize for the short notice, yet we feel it is important to continue planning in the event that a school closure is needed.

To help us in our planning, we will be conducting a telephone survey. Later this evening, the primary contact for your child will receive this call. You will be asked one question..."Do you have internet access at home?" If you do, you will be instructed to press 1; if you do not, select 2. Plans for home instruction will also include a mechanism for providing materials for students whose household does not have internet access.

We recognize that while instruction makes up a significant portion of your child's school day, it is not the only component that results in a positive school experience. We will be communicating about additional steps being taken to consider all facets of your child's education.

To recap, **Monday, March 16th will be a two-hour delay for students only**. We will post additional updates on our website as circumstances dictate and have posted links to the DOH and CDC resources on the coronavirus.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of illness.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Turck

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Superintendent of Schools

CDC Website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

NYSDOH Website

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