

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020

Dear CPS Parents, Families, and Staff,

This past month has been an unprecedented challenge for all of us. As difficult as it has been to see our normal lives put on pause, we are incredibly proud of our CPS family and how you have moved to protect the health of our city. Today, Governor Pritzker announced that the state-wide mandated school closures will be extended through April 30.

As hard as this is, it is what we need to do in order to keep our city safe, and we promise that we are working diligently to support our students, families, and staff members through these closures.

Important Reminders

Healthy meals are available to our students.

Since our schools closed, over 2.1 million free grab-and-go meals have been provided to CPS families. Families can continue to pick up grab-and-go meals at their neighborhood CPS school from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Remote learning will begin on April 13, 2020.

Earlier this week, we announced our Pre-K-12 remote learning plan to keep our students engaged, learning, and connected to their school community during the closure.

- Remote learning assignments and activities will only improve student grades. Our aim is to increase learning, not to negatively impact our students during school closures.
- The district will be distributing more than 100,000 devices to help narrow the digital divide during this period.
- Please visit cps.edu/remotelearning to learn more.

You can take crucial actions every day to help protect yourself and your community.

- If you're sick, stay home.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands often.
- Support one another by resisting stigma.
- Stay informed by visiting chicago.gov/coronavirus and cps.edu/coronavirus.

If you need help locating medical care, please reach out to the CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness at oshw@cps.edu or by calling the CPS Command Center at 773-553-KIDS (5437).

We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

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