



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REV. 3/24/2020 - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (3) REGARDING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE

1. When will the school closure start?
 - Governor Tom Wolf announced on Monday, March 23, 2020, to extend the school closure and additional two weeks. The North East School District campus will be closed Monday, March 30th through Sunday, April 12th; however, we will begin virtual on-line learning beginning Monday, March 30, 2020.
2. Can I get on campus?
 - The campus including all playgrounds, walking paths, and buildings are closed to the public through Sunday, April 12, 2020. **However**, essential employees will be permitted on campus as well as the parents picking up meals through the drive through grab-and- go. In addition, students accessing the WiFi hot spot will also be permitted in the WiFi hot spot parking lot.
3. Is the district offering on-line learning for all students during this school closure?
 - **YES. The district will beginning virtual on-line learning beginning on Monday, March 30, 2020.** The building administrators and technology department have been working to ensure our students have access. We will be setting up a WiFi hot spot which will be located in the Intermediate Center pool area parking lot. The WiFi hot spot will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The buildings will be closed. The parking lot does have video surveillance as well as the Borough and State Police will monitoring for the district. Parents that indicated they have a technology need on the survey do not receive a call from a building administrator by Thursday, March 26th, please send an email to helpdesk@nesd1.org.
4. Will students be able to obtain breakfast/lunch bagged meal from the school during the school closure?
 - **YES.** We will once again be offering bagged meals. Beginning on Monday, March 30th, the district will have K-12 drive through grab-and go-meals ready for pickup at **one** location which will be the high school auditorium/gym doors. **NOTE:** ALL meals for the weeks of March 30th and April 6th will be distributed from the drive through pick-up which will begin at 10:30 a.m. and close promptly at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday; on Thursday, students will receive two meals. Parents **MUST** complete the website form by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25th located on the District website at www.nesd1.org. Please share link with others. ONLY the Rt. 89 entrance is open.
5. What is the status of athletics and school activities?
 - All school activities are either cancelled or postponed during the duration of the mandatory closure. We are told directly from the Governor's Office that "school-based activities are covered under the closure". This would include practices for athletics, plays, musicals, mock trial, etc.
6. Will North East School District offices and school main offices be functioning during the school closure?
 - The offices will not be open to the public to support the Governor's efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Essential staff will report on a limited basis.
7. Is it possible that graduation will be on a later date?
 - This question is linked to #6. At this time, we do not believe there will be a change to graduation.

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8. What will happen to the school calendar?
 - The Governor has stated the following: Be aware that no school district will be penalized if it fails to meet the 180 day or school hour requirements. Please be advised that we are seeking clarification and taking direction from PDE, the CDC, and the local and state Departments of Health. We will continue take it day by day and one step at a time.
9. Will Early Connections be open during the closure?
 - The Early Connections Program housed in the NESD will be closed during the mandatory school closure.
10. If I am a parent or student, will I be able to access school property during the school closure?
 - The **school property and buildings are closed to all public** during the school closure. Exceptions would be for grab-and-go meals, deliveries, and for WiFi hot spot access.
11. Will prom still occur, as planned, for each high school?
 - At this point, the district has no information causing the plans, already in place, to change.
12. If the school closure is limited to 10 business days, how will the district handle determining when the 4th marking period begins?
 - The closure was extended two weeks. The third marking period will end on Friday, April 3, 2020. The 4th marking period will begin on Monday, April 6, 2020; however, some virtual on-line assignments completed during the week of March 30, 2020, may count towards the 4th marking period assignments.
13. Is it possible the school closure will go beyond 10 business days?
 - YES. The closure has been extended an additional two weeks.
14. How will the district manage the return to school?
 - The district has been and will continue to monitor COVID-19. The goal of this closure is to slow the spread of the virus. The closure is not going to eliminate the virus. The district will be following Department of Health and CDC guidance regarding when to be at school and when not to be at school. The district has been and will continue to communicate that guidance to parents and students on the official website. As always, a child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before they can return to school.
15. Are there plans to reschedule events that had to be cancelled?
 - The district is not able to reschedule anything at this time. Information about the spread of COVID-19 and the local, state, and federal responses attempting to manage COVID-19 are moving too quickly to commit to rescheduling any events at this time.

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