



School Guidance Document Regarding Coronavirus

The following information provides guidance to counties and schools during the school closure period. Because this is a fluid situation, this information will be updated routinely at wvde.us/covid19.

- » Schools are closed for students beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, through at least March 27. Central Offices will remain open.
- » Options for providing meals to students must begin March 16, unless your county has scheduled Spring Break for next week. Child Nutrition Directors have been provided guidance and a simple form to submit with the approved reimbursable options.
- » The U.S. Department of Education will provide flexibility to states regarding testing, accountability and special education timelines.
- » Follow your school calendar regarding spring break schedules and OSE days.
- » If counties have already prepared alternative instructional materials, send those home as soon as possible. Special Education students' IEPs and 504s must be followed per their instructional requirements.
- » Instructional materials can be provided through multiple avenues, including but not limited to, electronically, in conjunction with food distribution, or through social media.
- » Postpone kindergarten and preschool registration as it is a non-essential activity.
- » Since Virtual School is not completed in close proximity to other students, counties will continue with Virtual School courses as scheduled.
- » Local Board Meetings can be held as scheduled.
- » WVDE Office of Special Education & Student Support will send out federal guidelines in regard to timelines and services recently released from U.S. Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).
- » Daycare centers are private entities. They will be working collaboratively with local health departments to determine whether they remain open.
- » All spring sports are canceled until schools are back in session. The 14 mandatory practice day rule applies at this time.
- » The location of local feeding sites and avenues for community-member involvement will be shared on local county websites, as well as on the WVDE website, wvde.us.
- » School-based healthcare centers should remain in operation.
- » The WVDE will provide information on resources from the National Guard and West Virginia Department of Agriculture on food delivery and other needed supplies.
- » Essential staff will continue to provide supports for students.
- » Make decisions on a case-by-case basis regarding staff with medical issues.

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