

Date: March 17th, 2020

Dear Holyoke School District Community,

The Holyoke School District continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and is in close contact with the Governor's Office, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Phillips County Emergency Manager, the Northeast Colorado Health Department, Northeast BOCES, Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

Out of an abundance of caution and to allow time for the situation to stabilize, the Holyoke School District has decided to extend spring break to March 29th, 2020 with school resuming on March 30th, 2020. The Holyoke School District is also cancelling all before and after school activities taking place in our buildings or on our school grounds for both school and community use until April 6th, 2020.

Though there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Phillips County currently, we want to practice the recommended social distancing and avoid large gatherings of people. Practicing good hygiene and staying home when ill are simple actions that empower us all to help protect our most vulnerable friends and family (the elderly and those with underlying health conditions).

If your child receives controlled medication while at school and you believe you will need it while school is not in session please make contact with your child's school to schedule a time to pick it up that works best for you.

Chartwells and the Holyoke School District will provide an opportunity for families to pick up breakfast and lunch via walk up or drive-thru meal service for ANY children between the ages of 1 years old and 18 of years old. This will be at NO CHARGE to you and your family. In an effort to help plan, please contact either the elementary school office (854-3411), the Jr/Sr High office (854-2284) or the District office (854-3634) by Friday, March 20th, 2020 with an estimated number of required meals for the week of March 23rd-27th that will be needed.

We will start providing walk up or drive-thru meal service on Monday, March 23rd to Friday, March 27th at the Holyoke Elementary School between 11 am and 1 pm. Each meal package per child will provide lunch for the day and breakfast for the next day. There is no paperwork needed but a child must be present in order to pick up meals. If you are sick, or unable to pick up meals please send another family member to pick up your meals. All meals will be for pick up only, and no meals will be allowed to be eaten on-site.

We also want to help dispel rumors and fear by providing the following links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which has the most up to date information. There is also information on how to talk to your child about the CoronaVirus and general safety tips for everyone, regardless of your age.

<https://www.cdc.gov>

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

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrenin disasters/helping-children-cope.html>

[https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020\\_NASP\\_NASN\\_COVID-19\\_parent\\_handout.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020_NASP_NASN_COVID-19_parent_handout.pdf)

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<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Another great resource is the Colorado Help Line. Call 303-389-1687 or 877-462-2911 to talk to a real person. You can also email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org) for answers in English and Spanish.

It is in times like these that our community values become very visible. Please take care of yourselves but also each other. Reach out to neighbors and lend a hand to those in need. Together we can help ensure the health and safety of our community. Please visit the [www.hcosd.org](http://www.hcosd.org) district website and the district social media sites throughout the week for updated information as well as potential additional school closures.

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