



**Update #1 -March 17, 2020**

**Santa Fe R-X Community:**

As you are aware, health officials (national, state and local) have made it clear that gatherings of 10 or more should be limited. ***As a result of this and similar guidance, the Santa Fe R-X S.D. will not be in session through April 3rd.*** We certainly hope that these precautionary measures enable us to return at that time. Per MSHSAA guidelines and recommendation from health officials, all activities during this time will also be suspended, to include all sporting events, clubs, and school activities. SFHS staff and administration are working to reschedule prom. Please note that it is completely possible that the closure could be longer; no one knows what the realities will be two weeks from now.

**Ongoing Services- Meals & Instruction:**

***The Santa Fe S.D. will continue to provide meals and educational services.*** Staff is working diligently to develop plans to provide these services to our students and community. It is my intention to have meals available by Monday, the 23rd, assuming we are able to acquire the necessary waivers from the state to serve our meals in alternative methods. Teaching staff will be working on distance learning methods of instruction starting Monday, the 23rd. We hope to have units of instruction and learning resources available by mid-week. As these plans are solidified they will be shared.

**Routine for Your Child:**

Though none of this is routine for anyone, it will be the goal of SF staff to provide learning resources that will enable you to set an expectation of daily and academic routine. We encourage you to use these resources (as they become available) for the welfare of your child and the mental health of all in the home! Suggestions:

- Have your child get up at a regular time
- Have them eat at regular times
- Set a time for physical activity each day (PE staff will be providing lessons)
- Have them work on academics at regular times/minimum hours per day (teachers will be providing lessons)

*I have no doubt that the parents and caregivers in the Santa Fe community will support the efforts of SF staff to continue learning for our students/loved ones. Please, should you have questions, reach out to staff. They will be checking correspondence on a regular basis.*



## **Prevention and Hygiene**

We urge all families to continue the practice of maintaining habits necessary to stay healthy:

Steps you can take to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the flu and the common cold are:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home while you are sick
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Students should be kept home until they are fever free (100.4 or less) for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces, especially when someone is ill
- Not sharing drinks, water bottles, eating utensils, or cell phones with others

For more information about the symptoms, treatment, and prevention of COVID-19, go to [www.cdc.gov/covid19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid19).

\*Note that this communication is titled 'update #1'. I anticipate multiple 'updates' in the coming weeks. We thank you for your partnership and support through difficult times. Together, we are Santa Fe!

**Sincerely,**

**Derek Lark  
Superintendent  
Santa Fe R-X School District**

Resources:



What is COVID-19 and what symptoms to look for? Visit [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#)

COVID-19 fact sheet is available on the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services website](#)

Suggestions on how to discuss COVID-19 with your child, the [National Association of School Psychologists](#) has a great resource.

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE):  
<https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>