

Community Unit School District #7

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Unit 7 Families,

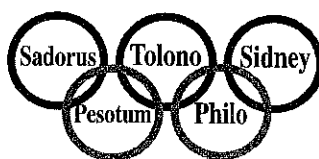
Thank you for your extraordinary support and understanding, as we work together to protect our community during the growing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. To further safeguard Illinois from the spread of the virus, Governor JB Pritzker has declared mandatory school closures for all buildings, both public and private, serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students. This is in place currently until March 30. These are uncharted waters for all of us. Information is fluid with this situation and changes rapidly even within a given day. The following is the most current information we have available for the short term closing:

Closure Details

- Unit 7 schools are closed for students beginning Monday, March 23- March 30. We anticipate that Governor Pritzker will allow us to reopen on March 31. Per the latest state guidance, the remaining days of closure will be considered Act of God days, which means that we will NOT have to make them up at the end of the year.
- Administration and limited staff will be in our building offices from 7:30 am- 2:00 pm during this closure to conduct business by phone or email.

Meals

- Free bagged, grab-and-go breakfast/lunch sacks will be available for pick up daily beginning on Monday, March 23, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Unity High School, East side of the high school by the baseball field.
- These meals are for any Unit 7 students,



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Home-Based Learning

- We are committed to keeping students engaged in learning through home-based learning opportunities. On March 23, learning links and additional school specific guidance for accessing resources will be posted on school websites. None of the work completed during this time will be used for grading or assessment purposes. Monday, March 23, teachers will be routinely checking emails from 8:20am – 3:00pm to respond to students' academic questions through electronic means.
- Please make note that because these days are considered Act of God days, none of the work completed during this time will be used for grading or assessment purposes. No student can be penalized or receive extra credit for work during this time. This is a directive from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Additional Resources:

- Comcast is offering free internet for 60 days. More information on that can be found on their website.
- To supplement these offerings, the Illinois State Board of Education has compiled a library of resources on their website.

We will continue to inform you as quickly as we can about any further changes to school services. Please check our webpage, social media, your email and the phone alert messages for updates.

We appreciate your partnership, and we will get through this together.



Andrew Larson, Unit 7 Superintendent

