

TO: Community of Inyo County
FROM: Barry Simpson / Inyo County Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Public Announcement #3 / Closures & Distance Learning Options
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We are pleased to report that at this time, there are no positive cases confirmed within Inyo County.

That said, all Inyo County Schools will be following the most recent guidance of Inyo County Public Health and will extend current school closures through April 1, 2020*. Please understand, while school closures may be extended, ***school should not be considered 'out' for the remainder of the year.*** We have every intention of opening our schools as soon as possible. However, we must all confront the fact that things in our state and nation are changing rapidly. It will take all of us some time to adjust to this new reality.

During our school closures, each school district will be reviewing options for Distance Learning. Distance Learning can be defined in a number of ways, but essentially this means educational services that take place where the student and teacher are not in the same place. There are a variety of Distance Learning options including:

- Paper and Pen Learning Packets
- Educational Websites
- Online Curriculum Resources
- Chat Rooms and Video Resources

As we evaluate the best distance learning options our number one priority is ensuring educational equity. We want all students to be able to access these resources in the same way. This is a difficult task, but our educational leaders are capable of making this happen. Once we have a plan in place, you will be notified by your district as to what your options will be. We appreciate your patience during this complicated time.

Thank you to our district superintendents, school boards, administrative teams and staff for their tremendous dedication in this difficult time.

Best Regards,

Barry Simpson
Inyo County Superintendent of Schools

*Death Valley School will be closed through April 7th, 2020.