



Buena Vista School District

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BV Schools COVID-19 District Response UPDATE 3.19.2020 11:00 am

To help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Colorado, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis ordered that all public and private schools across the state suspend in-person learning from March 23 to April 17.

The executive order directs Colorado school districts to make every effort to provide alternative learning opportunities during this time while taking into account the needs of local communities. This order also directs the Commissioner of Education to issue guidance to support school systems in developing and implementing plans to assist families and students in accessing alternative learning, providing free and reduced lunch and breakfast, and offering waivers for instructional time as appropriate.

“Protecting the health of all Coloradoans is our top priority, and moving to online learning and other ways to support learning at home is absolutely the right thing to do,” said Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. “We know school leaders, educators and families will have a lot of questions about how to support their students’ learning at home during this unprecedented time. The department is working on guidance and developing resources to support our schools and students, and it will be available very soon.”

The Governor made this order via press release this evening. Read it online here:

<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/colorado-takes-further-action-address-public-health-threat-covid-19>

The Buena Vista School District had already closed school buildings with an extended spring break through March 27. This order will extend that timeframe through April 17.

Educators and leadership in the Buena Vista School District have already started working on how to provide educational resources for students and families.

To emphasize, this is a new reality for all and it will require all of us working together in support of children in the Buena Vista School District. Our leadership understands this information brings both certainty and uncertainty for the weeks ahead. I ask we allow each other a measure of grace as we develop plans for what learning looks like during this time away from school. Now, more than ever, we must work together for the benefit of our children and our community. We thank you for being patient as we navigate this new reality.

You will continue to receive updates in coming days regarding alternative learning options for students that will begin after spring break, during the week of March 30.

In the meantime, reassure your children all will be well, give them appropriate facts about COVID 19, find ways to help and ask for help, and keep your head up. The good is around you. Our children, of all ages, need to see us seeing the good.

Take Care. Be Well.



Lisa Yates
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