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ANNOUNCING BUILDING CLOSURE

Marfa ISD will be closed starting March 24, 2020 through April 3, 2020 to support our community and health care professionals in the ongoing goal of containing the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Additionally, all extracurricular activities, practices, and athletic events are suspended while we are closed.

We do not make this decision lightly. We fully realize it presents significant difficulties to working parents. However, we are hopeful that these measures will better ensure the long-term health and safety of children, staff, and the larger community.

Marfa ISD is canceling face-to-face instruction through Friday, April 3, 2020 and finalizing logistics on distance learning options and the distribution of food to address children's nutritional needs while school is out. More information and guidance will be made available on our website by March 23, 2020. We will also take these two weeks to further clean schools and buses and restock custodial and nursing supplies.

Students who did not have access to a laptop or chromebook at home may check out one from the school. Please continue to monitor our website for more specific information about how and when to do so.

Students in grades 7-12 will be able to access Google Classroom, utilizing instruction via Google, IXL, Plato, dual credit distance learning, hard copy packets etc.

At the elementary level, teachers in grades 3-6 will utilize Google, I-station, IXL, hard packets and other websites assigned by their teacher.

Students in grades PK-2 will be issued worksheet packets and/or workbooks in order to continue with instruction.

Additionally, Marfa ISD asks the broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

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- Don't shake hands
 - Wash your hands regularly
 - Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining 3 to 6 ft of distance between people (at least an arm's length)
 - If you are moving around in the community, don't congregate in large groups
 - For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country – we ask that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Students who have traveled should plan to stay in their homes for two weeks after arriving home. Please contact your campus to let them know, and these will be considered excused absences.
 - If you suspect you have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice.
 - Keep your child at home if he/she feels ill, even if you think it is just a cold.
 - Do not leave the house if you are ill, except to access medical care.

This is a quickly changing situation, and we will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions throughout the week, and will provide the next update by April 4, 2020 via social media, our website, robo-call and email.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the community in Marfa stay safe and healthy.

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