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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

We recognize the significant impact this extended closure will have on students, families and the entire community as well as the burden this will place on our staff and working families. We also acknowledge the anxiety this may cause our students, especially our seniors who are focused on graduation and those students who depend on the Lake Chelan School District (LCSD) for critical services.

During the closure, our first priority is to take care of the health and welfare of our students, our staff and our community. The purpose of this FAQ sheet is to provide you with information regarding: hours of operation, meal service, child care for health professionals, learning support for students, information for Special Education students, opportunities for internet access, the latest on state testing requirements along with some guidance and information regarding COVID-19. We will continue to provide you with current information as it becomes available to us.

### How long will schools be closed?

Governor Inslee issued an emergency proclamation to close all schools in Washington State, this past Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Schools will be closed for a minimum of 6 weeks, but in all likelihood, schools will be closed for a longer time period. School offices will be closed to the public but will be available by phone Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. At this time, the District Office will be open Monday - Friday from the 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at 509-682-3515.

### How will meals be served during weekdays during the closure?

#### I. MONDAY – FRIDAY (beginning Monday, March 23rd)

Hot Meals (Grab & Go) will be served Monday through Friday from **10:30 am -12:30pm** to avoid large gatherings. Meals will be served “drive through style” (walk-ups are welcome) at the following locations:

- Morgen Owings Elementary School** .....Enter the MOE bus loading zone on Woodin Avenue
  - Chelan Middle High School** ..... Enter through the back entrance off Farnham Street
- Each child will receive two meals (lunch for the day and breakfast for the following morning).

Note: Students must be present at the time of service.

**Alternate Locations for Grab & Go meals** (Cold meals: sack Lunch and breakfast) will be served Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 am, at the following sites:

1. Apple Acres Mobile Home Park – 35 Apple Acres Road
2. Chelan Falls Park – 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Chelan Falls

### How will meals be supported on the weekends during the closure?

#### II. Weekends (FRIDAY pick-up beginning Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>)

THRIVE Chelan Valley (a non-profit agency supporting our youth) will be offering Grab & Go week-end food bags for Chelan & Manson school districts. Food bags can be picked up between **5 and 7 pm on Fridays** throughout the school closure at the following location:

- Chelan Middle High School** ..... Enter through the back entrance off Farnham Street

## What about Child Care Services?

We have childcare services in place for Health Care Professionals and Emergency First Responders. If you are a health professional or first responder who requires child care please call Sarah Clarke at 509 679-4011 or contact her via email at [clarkes@chelanschools.org](mailto:clarkes@chelanschools.org)

## Will the District provide distance learning during an extended school closure?

At this time, no. In alignment with recommendations from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the District has no current plans to provide online or distance learning in the event of an extended closure. This includes both general and special education students. OSPI has released recommendations regarding learning in the event of a prolonged absence or school closure. OSPI does not recommend an online distance learning model unless a district can ensure that all students will have equal access to learning. Our district has a diverse student population and many of our students do not have regular access to technology or the internet. Moreover, an online distance learning model would not be cohesive with many special education students' IEP services.

The exception will be those students currently enrolled in College in the High School and AP Courses.

## Where can I find learning resources to help my student(s) continue learning?

Teachers are currently working on creating a K-12 Menu of Learning Opportunities for students to use during the closure. These are not meant to be educational resources or a substitute for classroom instruction but will help students practice their skills and learn independently during the closure. These learning opportunities are not required and will not be graded. We will have a menu of learning opportunities available by the middle of next week.

### Morgen Owings Elementary K-5

Learning menus will be sent home sometime next week and can be accessed on the District website.

### Chelan Middle School

Menus can be accessed on Google Classroom and on the District website.

### Chelan High School 9th-12th grade

Menus can be accessed on Google Classroom and on the District website. Students currently enrolled in College in the High School and AP Coursework will continue this work.

Seniors should continue any on-line credit recovery courses they are enrolled in as this is a great opportunity to make-up credits

## How do I communicate with my child's teacher?

Parents or students may email your child's teacher if you have questions. For Spanish inquiries, contact Dia Galvan. Please note teachers are unable to provide additional resources beyond the Menu of Opportunities at this time. Should the closure be extended, we will provide updates on both school and district websites. Teachers will be communicating with students either by email or personal note cards. To email your child's teacher type in their last name followed by the initial of their first name. For example, John Doe would be [doej@chelanschools.org](mailto:doej@chelanschools.org)

For all Spanish inquiries please contact Dia Galvan via email at [galvand@chelanschools.org](mailto:galvand@chelanschools.org) or call the District Office at 509 682-3515

## How can I connect to the internet if I have no access at home?

We are currently working on expanding our wireless service to include hot spots at both the High School and District Office parking lots. This would allow students and families to utilize the internet at any time. We will inform you when we have this service ready to go.

## During the extended closure will my student still receive their Individualized Education Program (IEP) services?

No, if a school closure causes educational services for all students to pause within the District, then the District is generally not required to provide services to the affected students eligible for Special Education services during that same period of time. The District will remain responsible for the free appropriate public education (FAPE) of its students eligible for Special Education services with an IEP. After the extended closure ends, the District will be reviewing how the closure impacted the delivery of Special Education and related services to students eligible for Special Education services. This might include an IEP Team meeting to discuss compensatory education and extended school year services, but such decisions will be made on a case by case basis. **The District will provide services for all students with disabilities currently enrolled in College in the High School and AP classes.**

## Does the extended school closure prohibit meetings such as evaluation/eligibility meetings, IEP meetings, student assessments, or child find screenings?

No. There is no prohibition against holding meetings at a school, or conducting individual student assessments, provided that appropriate social distancing methods are used. OSPI has issued guidance that directs districts to also consider ways to use distance technology (e.g., Zoom, conference calls) to the extent possible to provide child find, hold initial and annual IEP meetings, and/or evaluation/eligibility meetings, if staff and parents are available but not able/do not wish to attend in person.

## Can I request my IEP meeting be held over the phone?

Yes. The District understands that parents may want to limit their exposure to public places, including the schools. OSPI has issued guidance that directs districts to consider ways to use distance technology to the greatest extent possible to hold IEPs and other meetings. To that end, the District encourages parents to schedule IEP meetings via telephone or video conference. The District is confident that both options still provide parents with a meaningful opportunity to participate in the IEP meeting. If you would like to attend an IEP meeting via telephone or video conference, please contact your IEP Team leader to discuss whether staff is available to do so.

## How does the extended school closure impact IDEA dispute resolution options, activities, and timelines?

There is no waiver from IDEA dispute resolution options and timelines, including state Citizen Complaints and Due Process Hearings. OSPI has stated that it will continue to respond to submissions from parents, the community, and school districts in a timely manner, and will consider whether extenuating circumstances demand changes in activities and timelines. In the event changes are needed, they will be documented and shared with the involved parties.

## What about state testing requirements for students?

OSPI is canceling all state testing for the 2019–20 school year. This includes the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS), the Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM), and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for English learners. If schools are not impacted by closures, they are encouraged to continue administering the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) until the end of the testing window, March 27. This is subject to change based on additional closure announcements.

# Important COVID-19 Information

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## What is novel coronavirus and what are the symptoms?

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus strain spreading from person-to-person in China and other countries, including the United States. Health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus and it has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people. People who have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus have reported symptoms that may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

## How does COVID-19 spread?

Health experts are still learning the details. Currently, it is thought to spread:

- via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

## When should I seek medical advice if I suspect, I or someone close to me has COVID-19?

While the number of cases is increasing, the vast majority of the illnesses around the world are mild, with fever and coughs. If you or a family member has symptoms like cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, call your regular medical provider rather than going into their office to determine if you should get tested. Public Health recommends NOT going to the emergency room unless there is a critical need. Public Health also warns that those who are over the age of 60, have an underlying medical condition, or are pregnant may be at greater risk, if they get the illness. Contact your health care provider if you have symptoms to determine if you should get tested.

## What can I do to protect myself and my family and prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Coronaviruses, including COVID-19, spread between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) via coughing or sneezing. It may also spread by touching a surface or object with the virus on it. The same good health habits that prevent other viruses like the flu also prevent the spread of COVID-19 and decrease the risk of getting sick:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, with 60% alcohol.**
- **Cough into a tissue or your elbow (not your hand), then throw tissue away and wash your hands.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Avoid contact with people who are sick.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Keep children home if they are running a temperature or they report not feeling well or appear weak or ill. Likewise, parents and staff stay home yourself if you are ill and limit social interaction.**
- **Consult your health care provider if you or your child has health conditions that put you at increased risk.**

## How severe is novel coronavirus and how is it treated?

Experts are still learning about the range of illness from novel coronavirus. Reported cases have ranged from mild illness (similar to a common cold) to severe pneumonia that requires hospitalization. So far, deaths have been reported mainly in older adults who had other health conditions. There are no medications specifically approved for coronavirus. Most people with mild coronavirus illness will recover on their own by drinking plenty of fluids, resting, and taking pain and fever medications. However, some cases may require medical attention.

## Where can I get more information on COVID-19?

**English:** [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)

**Spanish:** [www.doh.wa.gov/esp](http://www.doh.wa.gov/esp)