

# Frequently Asked Questions

## + HOW WILL I RECEIVE COMMUNICATION RELATED TO THE UPDATES WITH THE CLOSURE?

Any changes in the duration of the extended closure will be communicated with our families via a phone call. Additional information and updates will be posted to this page on the website.

## + WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have a question or concern please contact us at: [closingsupport@wccsk12.org](mailto:closingsupport@wccsk12.org).

## + ARE MEALS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS?

The Wayland-Cohocton Central School Nutrition Program is participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's School Closure Meal Program, which provides free meals to students during the school closure.

All Wayland-Cohocton Central School District students can participate (Grades UPK - 12). There are no income requirements or registration. This program is fully funded by the USDA, there is no cost to the district taxpayers.

*HOW:*

We will begin the distribution of meals on Wednesday March 18th. We are able to provide breakfast and lunch each day for any family that wants it, regardless of need. In the:

VILLAGE OF WAYLAND: We will have a distribution site every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, in the parking lot of St. Joseph's Church, from 9:00am to 10:30am. Just look for the big yellow bus.

VILLAGE OF COHOCTON: We will have a distribution site every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, in the parking lot of Cohocton Elementary School, from 9:00am to 10:00am. Just look for the big yellow bus.

FAMILIES THAT LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE(S): Upon your request, we will provide delivery to your home address (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) to any family that would like it. Deliveries will start at 9:00am. To request this delivery please call the following number - 585.213.4315. You will have to provide your name, address, telephone number and the number of children that you need meals for.

## + WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY?

→Wayland Food Pantry

Location: 101 S Lackawanna St, Wayland

Pantry phone: 585-736-7586

Hours of Operation (Wednesday 4:30-6:00PM & Saturday 9:00-10:30AM)  
Bread and Baked Goods may also be picked up Sundays 9:00-9:30AM  
Emergency appointments are available (please text or call 585-736-7586)

→Cohocton Community Food Pantry

35 Maple Ave, Cohocton, NY 14826

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (1:00-3:00PM and 6:00-7:00PM)

→Springwater Community Food Pantry

8148 C South Main Street, Springwater, NY 14560

Saturdays 9:00-11:00AM and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00PM

→Noyes Mental Health

(585) 335-4316

→Steuben County Mental Health

(607) 324-2483

→Livingston County Mental Health

(585) 243-7250

→National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

→The Safe Schools Helpline

800-418-6423 Ext.359

SAFESCHOOLSHELPLINE.COM

Text: 66746, Then type TIPS

**+ IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER IS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19, WILL THAT INFORMATION BE RELEASED?**

If a case is confirmed, linked to our school district, the Department of Public Health would be the entity which deploys staff to investigate the case, determines and communicates with those who may have been exposed, and releases pertinent information to the community via press releases and/or press conferences.

If someone is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they should seek medical attention and consult their doctor.

**+ HOW DO I UPDATE MY EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION?**

To update your contact information, please email: [closingsupport@wccsk12.org](mailto:closingsupport@wccsk12.org).

**+ WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH STATE TESTS, REGENTS EXAMS, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?**

The District is waiting to receive guidance related to these questions.

In accordance with the USDOE's (United States Department of Education) March 12, 2020 Fact Sheet on Assessments and Accountability, the USDOE:

“...generally does not grant statewide waivers of assessment requirements under section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act). The reason is that assessments provide important information to parents, educators, and the public about how well students are doing at mastering a State’s content for each tested grade and subject. In cases where a school has been closed for a period of time, the assessment results still provide useful information about where individual students and groups of students will need support in the following school year. However, due to the unique circumstances that may arise as a result of COVID-19, such as a school closing during the entire testing window, it may not be feasible for a State to administer some or all of its assessments, in which case the Department [USDOE] would consider a targeted one-year waiver of the assessment requirements for those schools impacted by the extraordinary circumstances.”

While the USDOE’s March 12, 2020 Fact Sheet on Assessments and Accountability guidance requires states to administer the assessments, NYSED (New York Department of Education) will apply for such waivers for schools impacted by the extraordinary circumstances associated with COVID-19 to the greatest extent permitted by federal law. Additionally, NYSED will ensure that no school or district is unfairly penalized for closures due to COVID-19.

NYSED recognizes the current uncertainty of the extent and potential length of school closures as a result of COVID-19 as well as the difficulty for school districts to reschedule state assessments. Therefore, in keeping with the guidance provided by USDOE and to provide as much flexibility as possible for schools, NYSED is extending as much as is feasible the make-up windows for the administration of the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests as well as the scoring windows.”

#### **+ WHAT IS THE STATUS OF CPSE/CSE (COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION) MEETINGS)?**

As of March 16th, all Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings for the Wayland-Cohocton Central School District are postponed until we return to school. A letter was sent on March 17th explaining that meetings were postponed and that the district was consulting the New York State Education Department (NYSED) with regard to holding CSE and CPSE meetings. Based on guidance from NYSED, as well as the challenges with holding virtual meetings, the Wayland-Cohocton Central School District has decided to postpone these meetings until we re-open.

In addition, based on guidance from NYSED, all evaluations requiring face to face contact with your child will be postponed until we return from school.

**+ WHAT EVENTS ARE CANCELLED/POSTPONED?**

All District events between now and April 12 are canceled or postponed. The buildings and grounds are closed.

**+ WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR ACADEMICS DURING THIS TIME?**

While our hope is that as many students as possible can access the instruction virtually, we will have students that may encounter gaps during a prolonged closure period. We cannot guarantee that all students will have equal access to instruction despite all of our planning. Therefore, grading and accountability for any completed work should not look the same as compared to when school is typically in session.

We also realize that this will not take the place of regular classroom instruction. Provided work is intended to supplement student learning at home. These activities are meant to provide optional opportunities for student learning or to serve as ongoing preparation for Regents, or AP exams.

**+ HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN & UPK?**

The Kindergarten and UPK registration dates have been postponed. We will reschedule these dates in the near future. If you have further questions, please email [closingsupport@wccsk12.org](mailto:closingsupport@wccsk12.org).

**+ IS EMERGENCY CHILD CARE AVAILABLE?**

The Hornell Family YMCA has emergency child care available for first responders, health care workers, and families in need. For registration information and more details, please contact the YMCA directly at 607- 324-5520.

**+ WAYLAND & COHOCTON ELEMENTARY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

**+ MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

**+ HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**