



Lebanon Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had our April Break and just completed our first week back to distance learning. During the COVID-19 health crisis various groups have been given recognition for working to the greater good in a time of crisis. Examples are emergency responders, medical professionals, and educators, to name a few. I would like to add all of you to this list. Schools work best when there is a strong partnership with the parents and families of the students. This has never been more evident than it is during this crisis. On behalf of the Lebanon Board of Education and the staff of the Lebanon Public Schools, thank you for all your support, assistance and commitment to making the most out of the distance learning being provided for your children. We could not do it without you.

Survey

In the next few days, a quick survey will be sent to you. We ask that you fill out one survey per child you have in our schools. It might be helpful that you and your child fill out the survey together. We appreciate you taking the time to help inform decision making as we move forward. Thank you.

School Year

There has been no official change to Governor Lamont's announcement that schools will remain closed with the earliest possible date to reopen as May 20, 2020. During a press conference on Thursday, we learned that the committee formulating our state reopening strategies is likely to recommend waiting until June. We do not yet know what this means for schools. I will keep you informed on changes when they occur.

Masks

We are required to wear masks when appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained. You will see district staff wearing masks when needed. Should you need to come to the schools, please call in advance, and wear a mask when meeting with district staff. Thank you.

Playgrounds

The Town has placed signs at the playgrounds at LES warning people to use them at their own risk and to practice safe social distancing. Uncas Health District recommends that the school and other playgrounds not be used during the COVID-19 health crisis. You are reminded that the school playgrounds are not sanitized as there are no recommendations for this.

SNAP

Families are reminded they may qualify for SNAP (formerly called Food Stamps). SNAP helps people buy food for themselves and their families. You can use SNAP benefits to buy food at major supermarkets, neighborhood grocery stores, and some farmers' markets authorized to accept SNAP. More information can be found on the School's webpage under "Free/Reduced Meal Info", or by visiting the SNAP website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/SNAP/Supplemental-Nutrition-Assistance-Program---SNAP>

Meal Program

We have seen an increase in participation in the meal program the deeper we get into the COVID-19 closures. Please know **ALL** students of the Lebanon Public Schools and **ALL** children residing in Lebanon are eligible to receive free meal packages. The children do not have to be present at meal pick up. It is OK to have someone do the pick-up for you.


Pick up Location: Lyman Memorial High School

When: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Which Meals: Monday and Wednesday meal packages will have 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
Friday meal packages will have 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches

No meal pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Angeli
Superintendent of Schools

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